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# Κληρονομικές διαταραχές αρτηριακής υπέρτασης

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## Initial Testing

## Secondary Testing

Urinalysis  
Blood electrolytes and creatinine  
Complete blood count

Any Abnormality

All Normal

Renal Ultrasound

Normal  
Severe Hypertension

Normal  
Mild Hypertension

Likely primary hypertension  
If older child who fits typical  
clinical pattern (see text)

1. Possible Glomerulopathy
  - Serum C3 and C4
  - Consider ANA, anti-ds DNA, ANCA
2. Possible bilateral PKD or CAKUT
  - Renal ultrasound

1. Non-Invasive renal angiography
2. Echocardiogram

Negative Angiogram

LVH  
Severe Sustained Hypertension

1. Renal nuclear Scan
2. Plasma Renin, Aldosterone, Cortisol
3. Consider Genetic Analysis

## Suspected Monogenic Hypertension

- Negative initial workup
- Electrolyte abnormalities ( $\uparrow$  or  $\downarrow$  K<sup>+</sup>,  $\uparrow$  or  $\downarrow$  H<sup>+</sup>)
- Significant family history

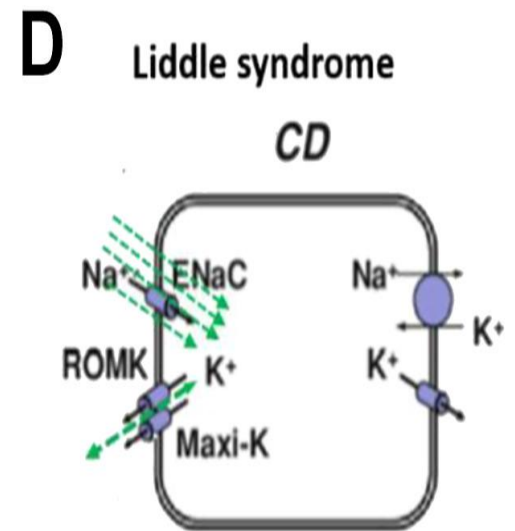
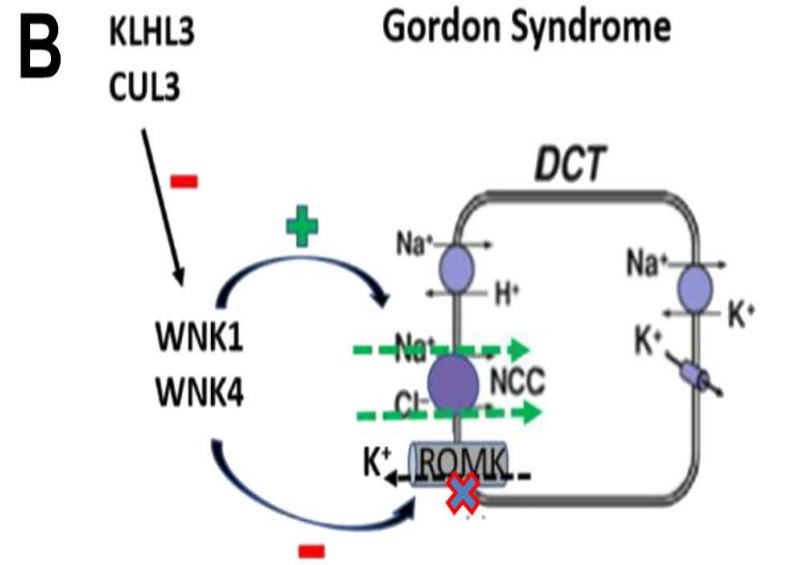
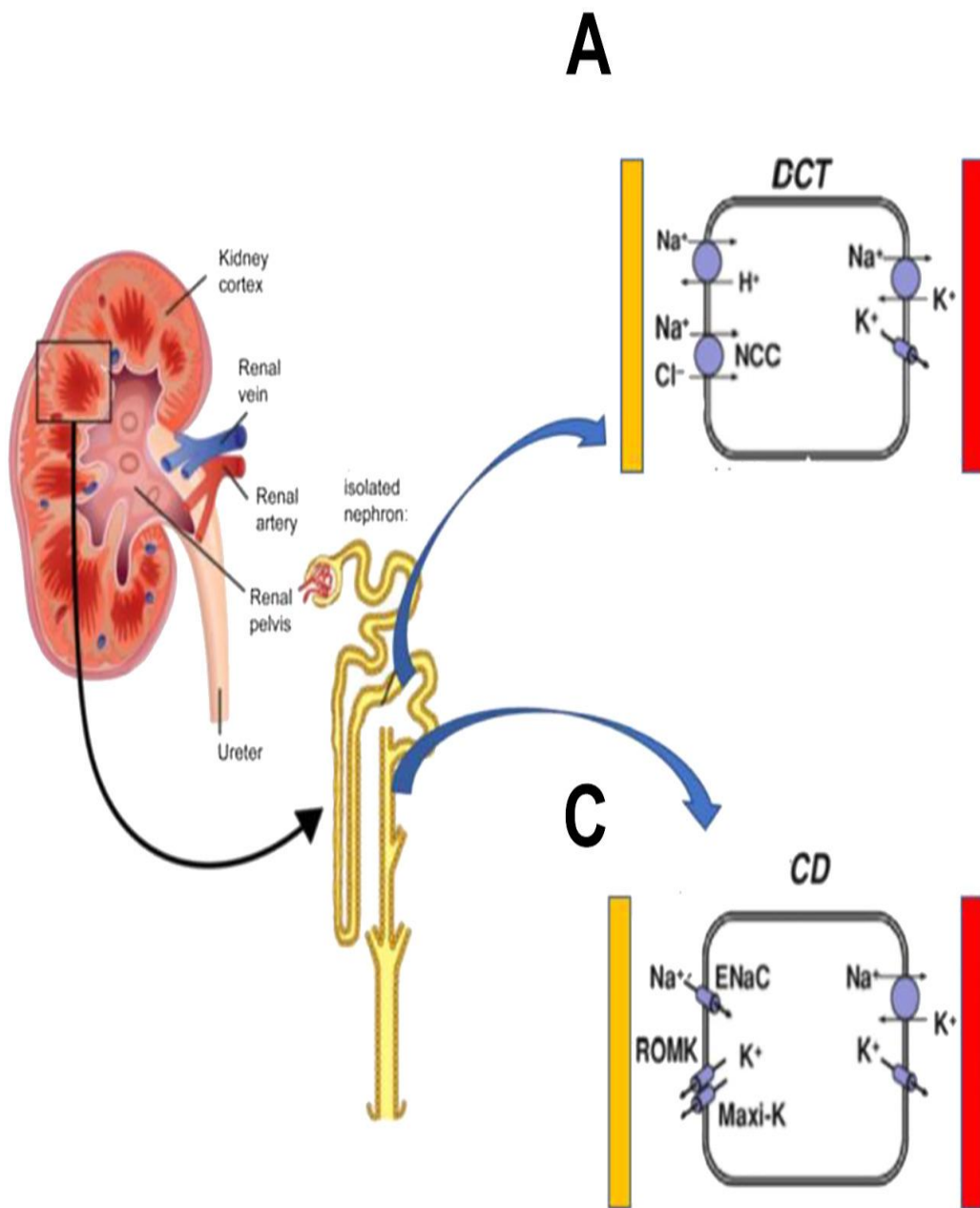
Low Renin level

Low Aldosterone

Normal /Elevated aldosterone or  
Aldosterone to plasma renin activity ratio >30

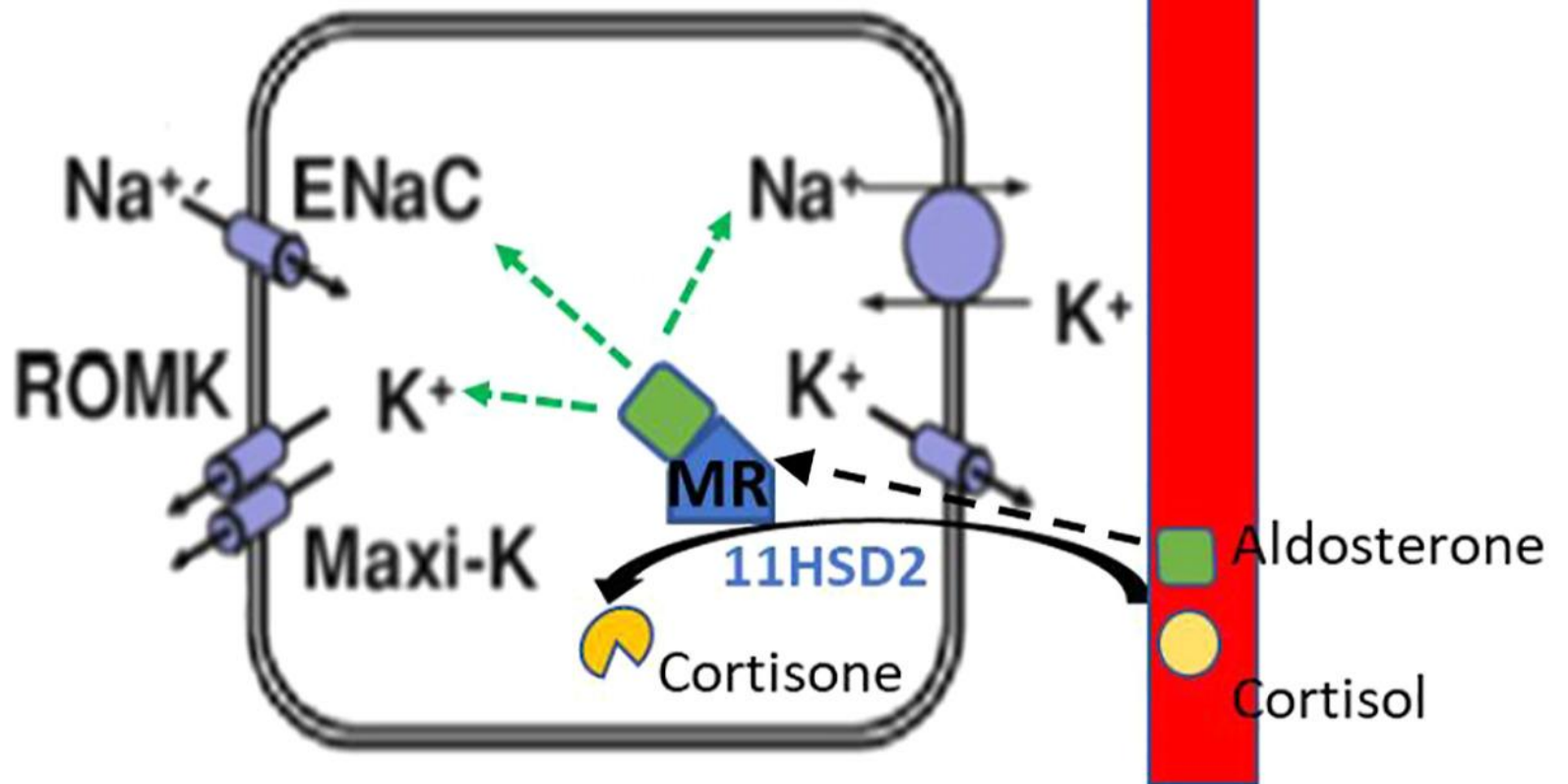
Liddle syndrome ( *SCNN1A*, *SCNN1B*, *SCNN1G* )  
Apparent mineralocorticoid Excess ( *HSD11B2* )  
Bartter syndrome ( *NR3C2* )  
11  $\beta$ -Hydroxylase Deficiency ( *CYP11B1* )  
17  $\alpha$ -Hydroxylase Deficiency ( *CYP17A1* )

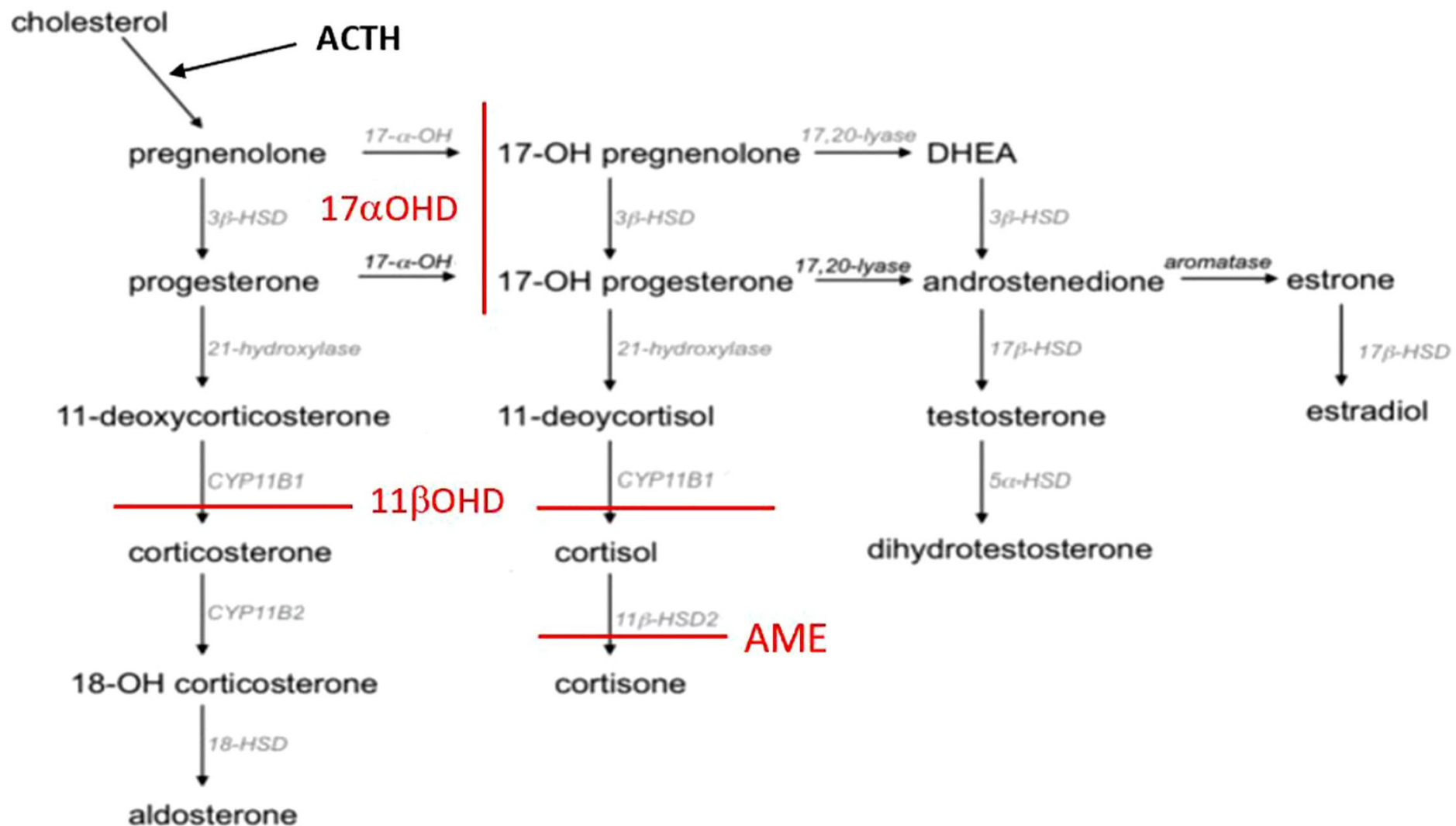
- Gordon Syndrome ( *WNK1*, *WNK4*, *KLHL3* and *CUL3* )
- Primary hyperaldosteronism (adrenal adenoma, a hyperplasia)
- Familial Hyperaldosteronism-I/ GRA ( *CYP11B1/C* gene )
- Familial Hyperaldosteronism-II ( *CLCN2* )
- Familial Hyperaldosteronism-III ( *KCNJ5* )
- Familial Hyperaldosteronism-IV ( *CACNA1H* )





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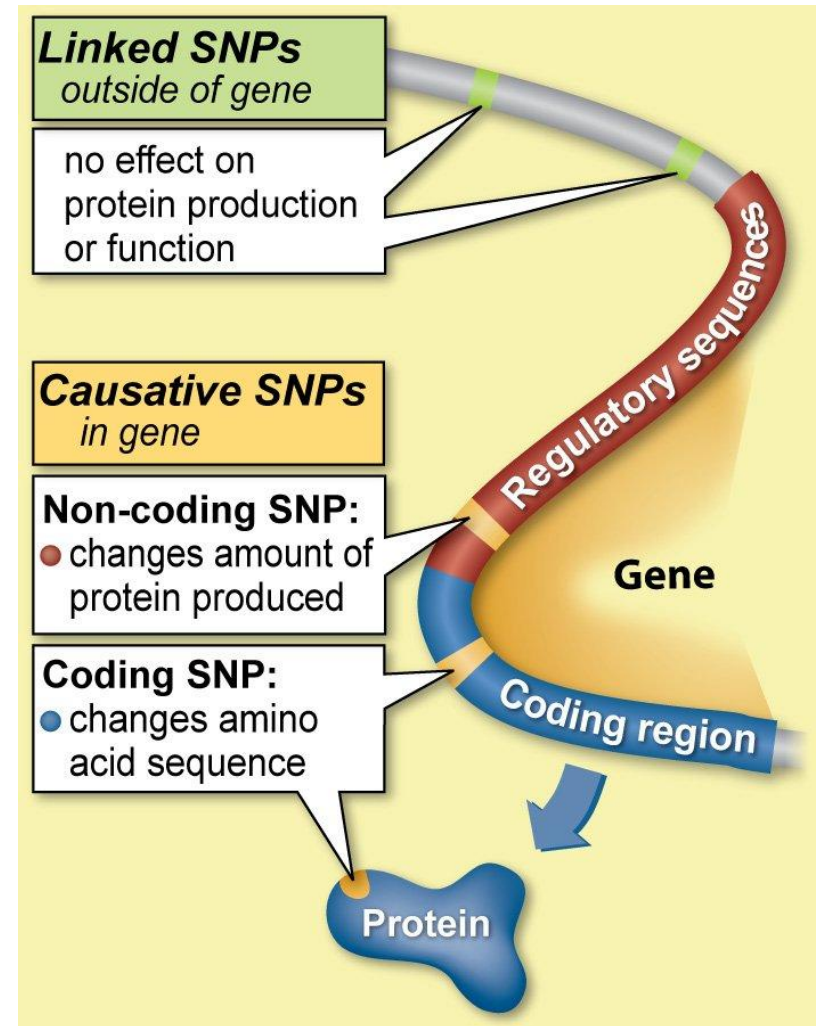
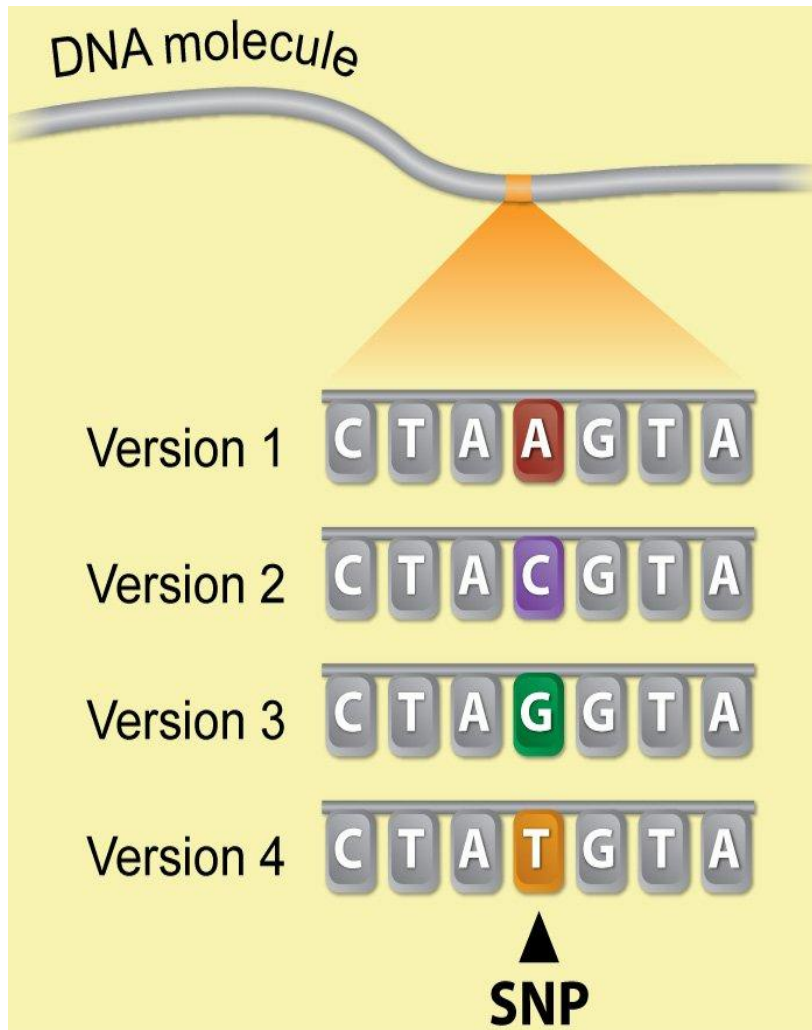


Zona Glomerulosa  
Mineralocorticoid synthesis

Zona Fasciculata  
Glucocorticoid synthesis

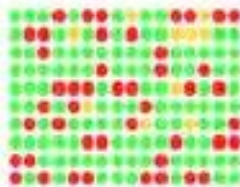
Zona Reticulata  
Androgen/Estrogen synthesis

# Comprehensive map of the genome: single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)

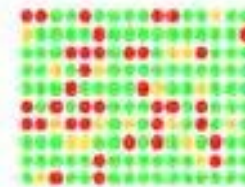
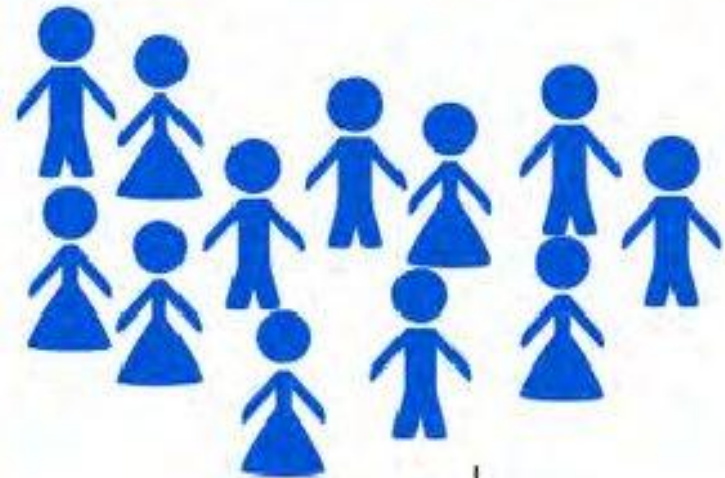


# Genome-wide association studies (GWAS)

**Affected Individuals**

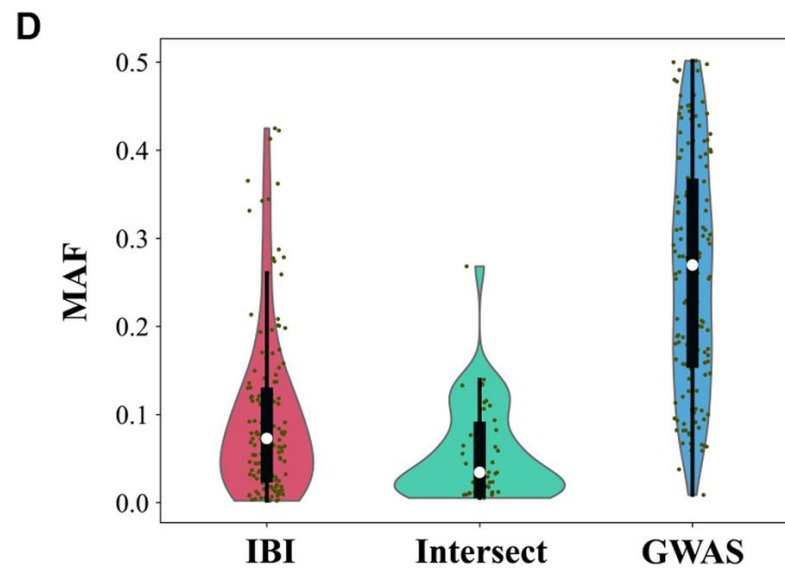
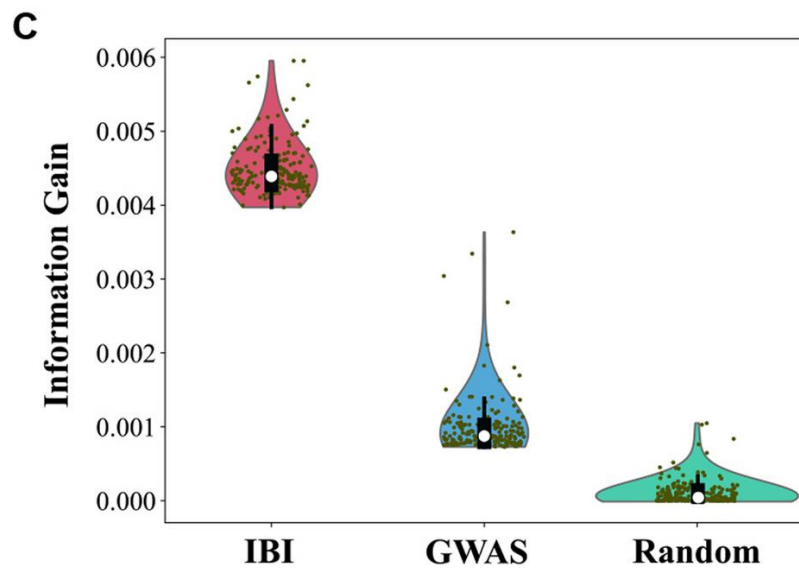
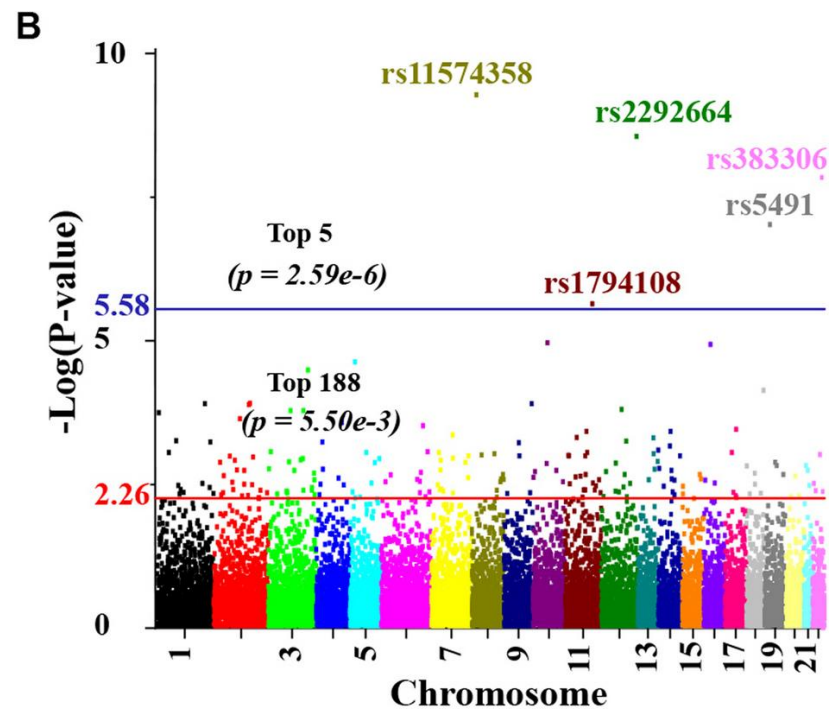
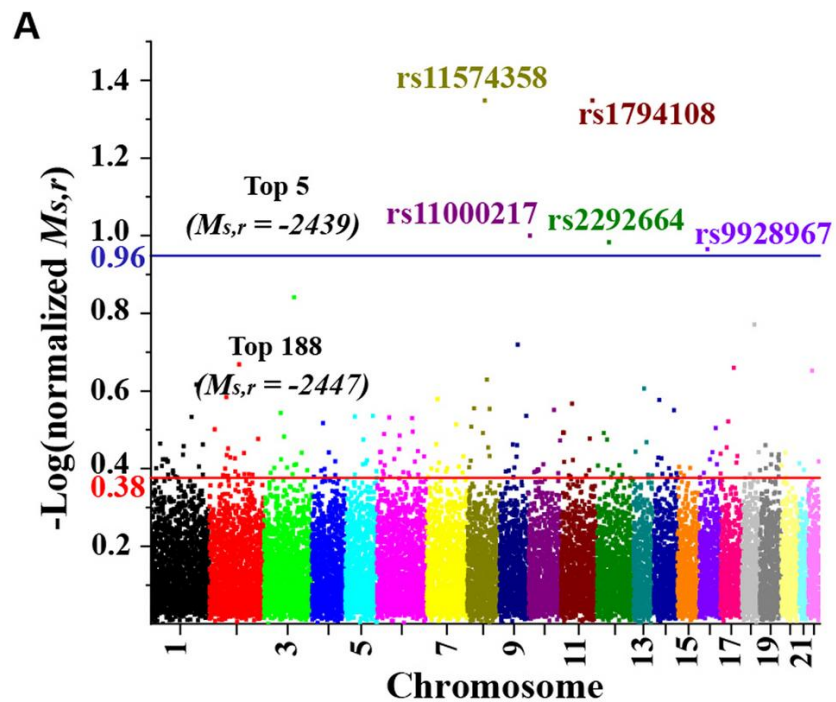


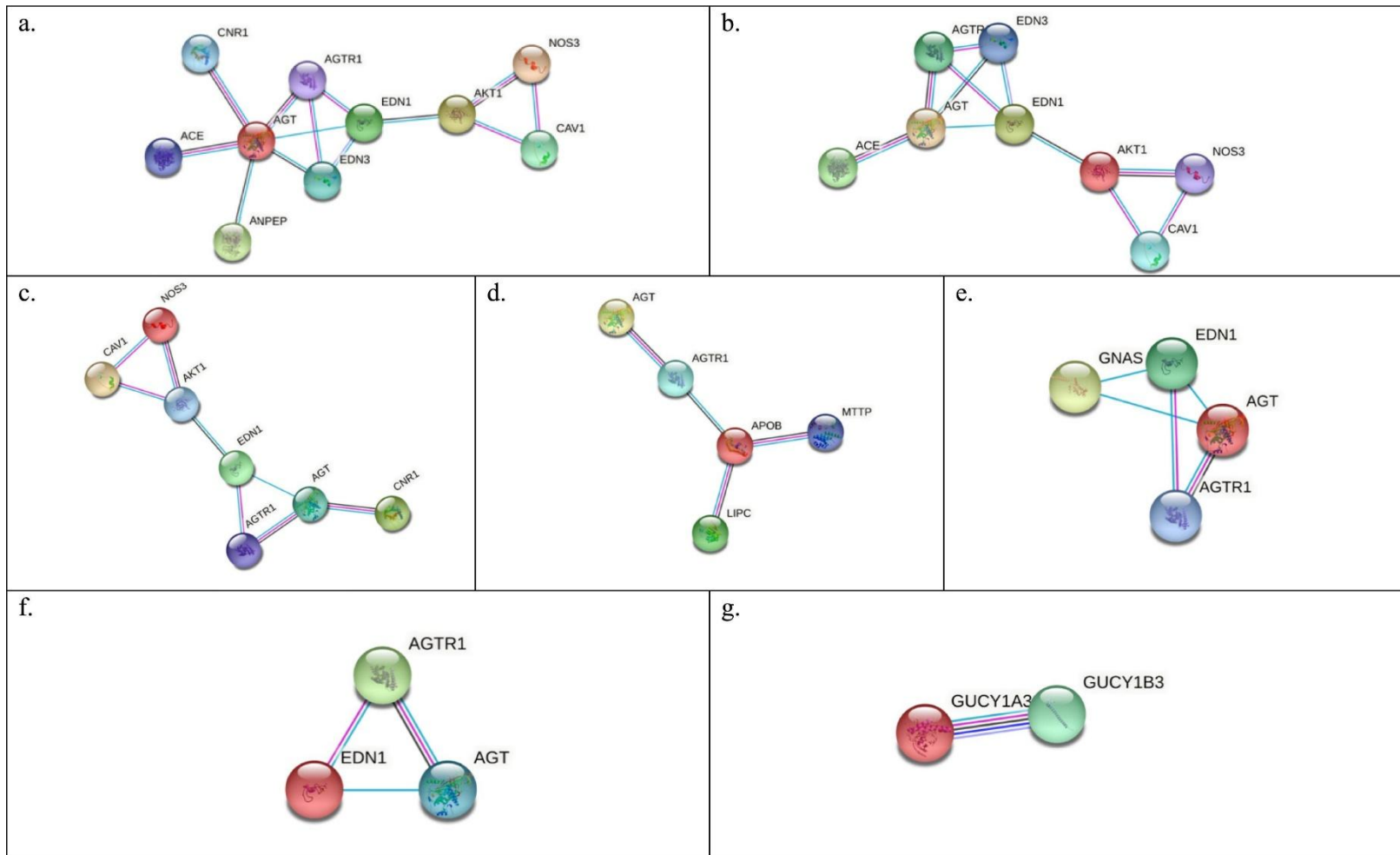
**Unaffected Individuals**



**SNPs analyzed  
and compared  
statistically**







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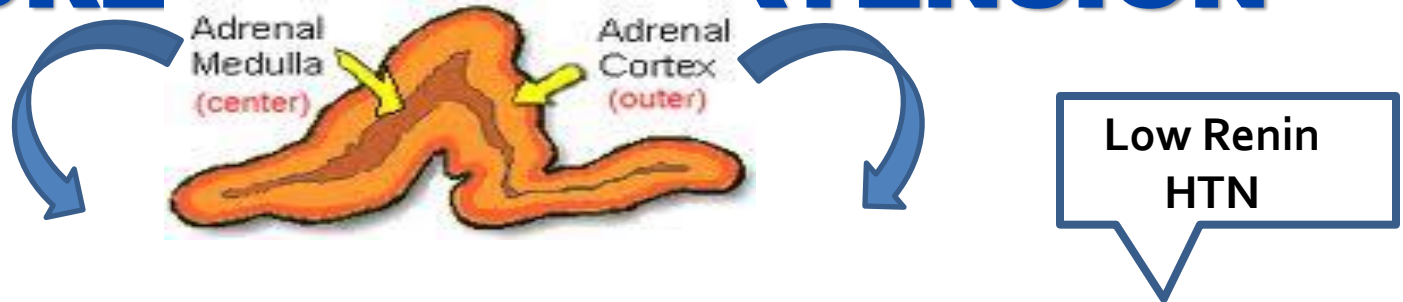
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# ENDOCRINE CAUSES OF HYPERTENSION

- Endocrine HTN
  - Adrenal Hypertension
  - Hyperparathyroidism
  - Hyperthyroidism
  - Acromegaly; growth hormone excess

# ADRENAL HYPERTENSION



## Adrenal Medulla

- Pheochromocytoma

## Adrenal Cortex

- Cushing's Syndrome
- Primary Hyperaldosteronism
- Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia ( $11\beta$  or  $17\alpha$  deficiency)
- Familial Glucocorticoid Resistance
- Apparent Mineralocorticoid Excess

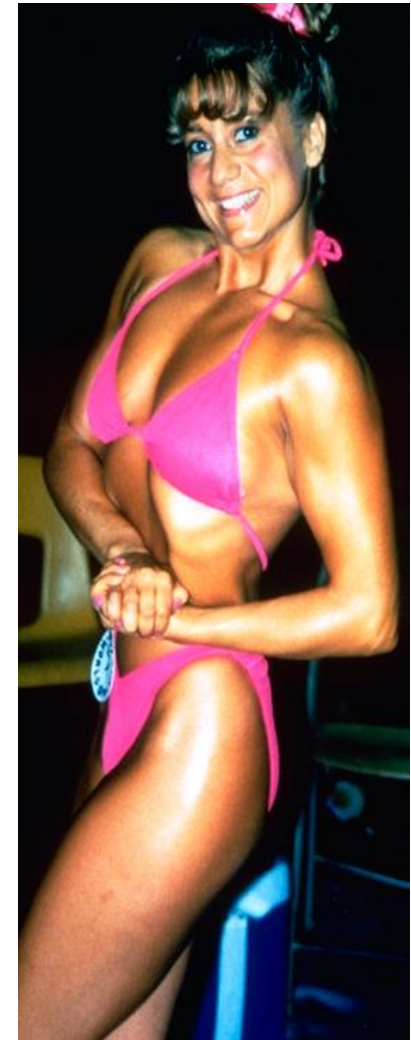
# Cushing's Syndrome

- A symptom complex that reflects excessive tissue exposure to cortisol
- The diagnosis cannot be made without both clinical and biochemical signs of hypercortisolism

# Signs and Symptoms of Cushing's

SIGN/SYMPTOM %		SIGN/SYMPTOM %	
Decreased libido	100	EKG abn/atherosclerosis	55
Obesity/weight gain	97	Dorsal fat pad	54
Plethora	94	Edema	50
Round face	88	Abn glucose tolerance	50
Menstrual changes	84	Osteopenia or fracture	50
Hirsutism	81	Headache	47
Hypertension	74	Backache	43
Eccymoses	62	Recurrent infections	25
Lethargy, depression	62	Abdominal pain	21
Striae	56	Acne	21
Weakness	56	Female balding	13

# Body Habitus



# Facial Fullness

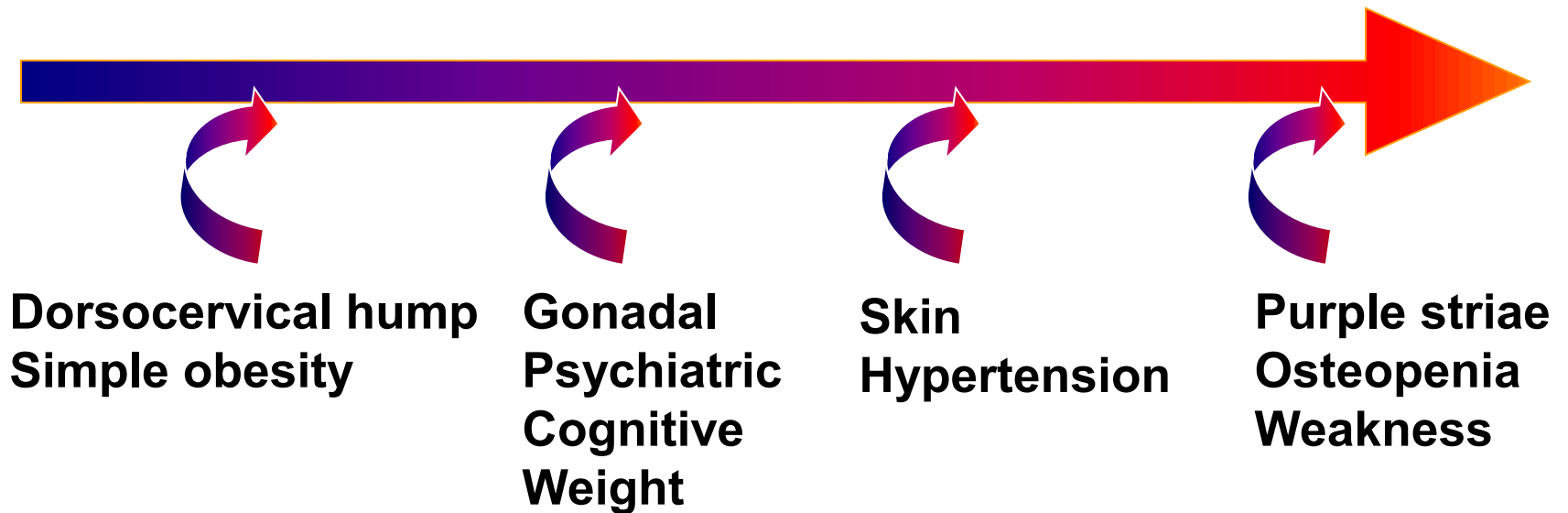




# Photographs



# Continuum Of Clinical Certainty

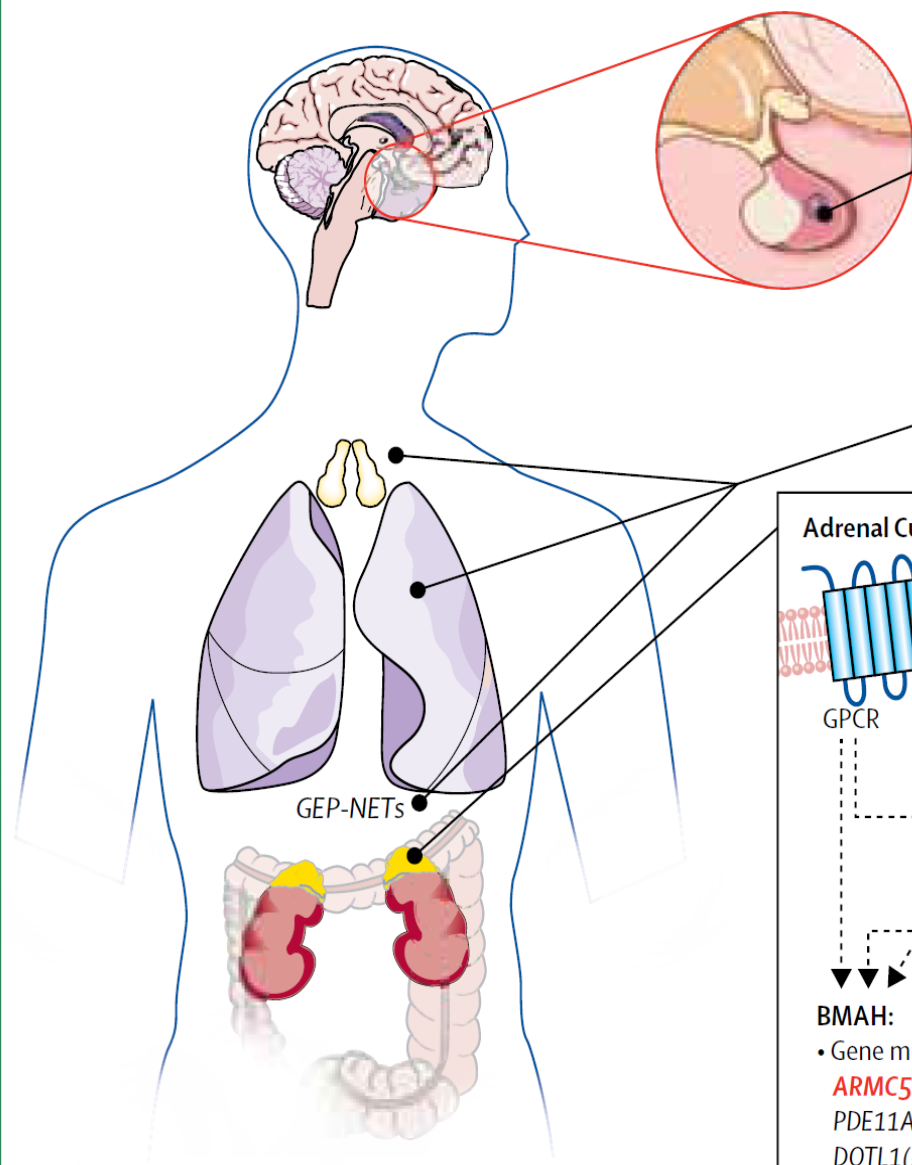


# Biochemical Tests For Cushing's Syndrome

- Guidelines from the Endocrine Society (J Clin Endocrinol Metab June 2008)
- UFC greater than upper normal range
- 1 mg Dexamethasone suppression test
  - Cortisol  $>1.8$  ug/dL
- Bedtime salivary cortisol - cutpoints differ ( $> 4$  nmol/L)

# Causes of Cushing's Syndrome

<b>Exogenous</b>	<b>Endogenous</b>
<b>Most common cause of CS</b> <b>Factitious or iatrogenic Glucocorticoid or ACTH</b>	<b>ACTH-independent (20%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• adenoma or carcinoma</li><li>• rarely, bilateral hyperplasia</li></ul>
	<b>ACTH-dependent (80%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• corticotroph adenoma (85%)</li><li>• ectopic ACTH secretion (15%)</li><li>• rarely, ectopic CRH</li></ul>



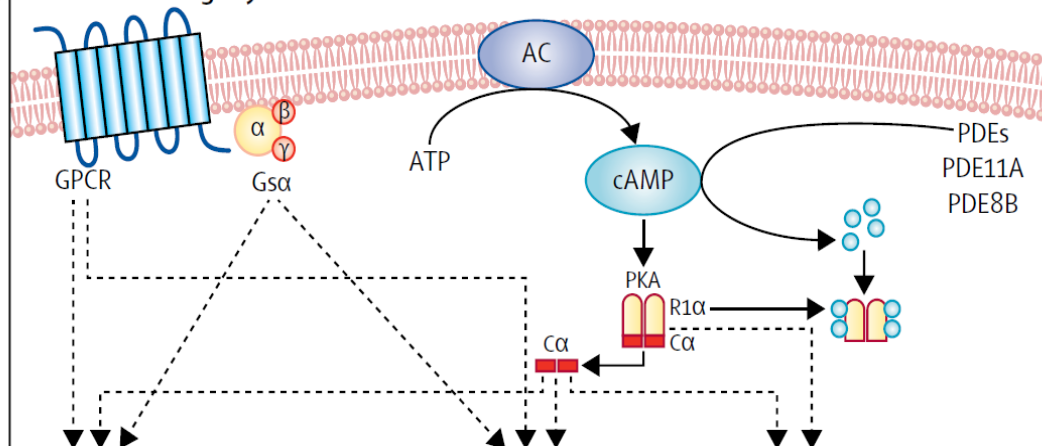
### Cushing's disease:

- Gene mutations  
**USP8**, MEN1, CDK1s, CDKN1B/p27Kip1, AIP, SDHx(?), DICER1, others
- Abnormal protein expression  
Brg1, HDAC2, TR4, PTTG, EGFR, others

### Ectopic ACTH secretion:

- Gene mutations  
**RET**, MEN1, others

### Adrenal Cushing's syndrome:



### BMAH:

- Gene mutations  
**ARMC5**, MEN1, FH, GNAS1, PDE11A, PDE8B, MC2R, PRKACA, DOTL1(?), HDAC9(?), PRUNE2(?)
- Protein expression  
**GPCR**, **POMC/ACTH**, PRKAR1A, others

### Adrenal adenoma:

- Gene mutations  
**PRKACA**, CTNNB1, GNAS1, PRKAR1A
- Protein expression  
GPCR, **PRKAR1A**, others

### PPNAD:

- Gene mutations  
**PRKAR1A**, **PDE11A**, PDE8B, PRKACA
- Protein expression  
PRKACA, glucocorticoid receptor

**Lacroix, Felders, Stratakis,  
Nieman; LANCET 2015**

# Primary Hyperaldosteronism (PA)

- Aldosterone production *inappropriately high*
- Aldosterone production *relatively autonomous*
- Aldosterone production *non-suppressible by sodium loading*



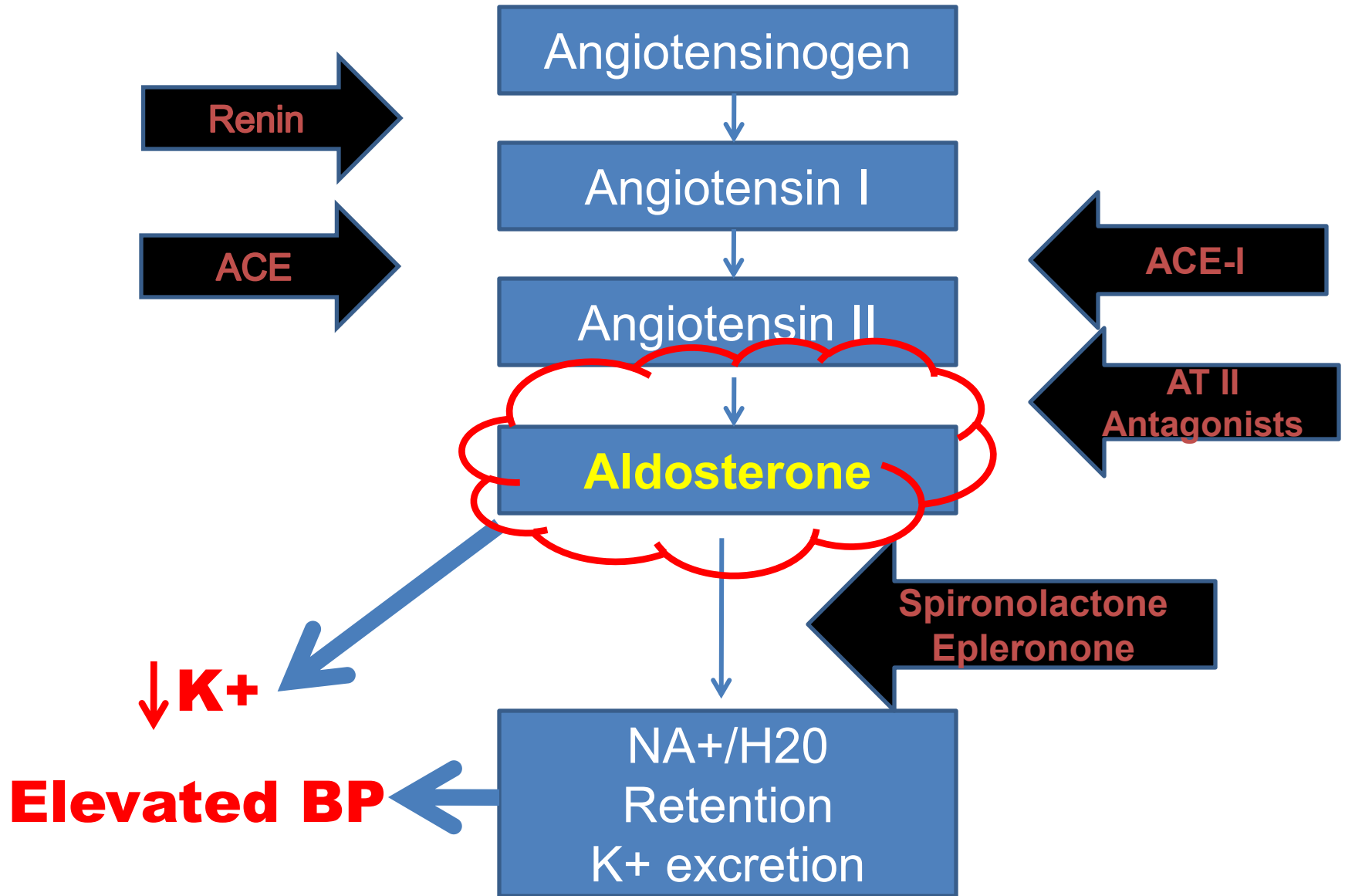
# Primary Hyperaldosteronism Disorders

- Unilateral Disease
  - Adenoma (APA) vs. Hyperplasia (PAH)
- Bilateral Disease
  - Adenoma (rare) vs. Hyperplasia (IHA)
- Aldosterone Producing Adrenocortical Carcinoma
- Genetic Diseases
  - Familial Hyperaldosteronism type I (Glucocorticoid Remediable Aldosteronism)
  - Familial Hyperaldosteronism type II)

# Groups with high prevalence of primary hyperaldosteronism

Moderate/severe hypertension (stages based on JNC 7)	Overall: 6.1% Stage 1 (mild): 2% Stage 2 (moderate): 8% Stage 3 (severe): 13%
Resistant Hypertension (defined as BP of < 140/90 despite treatment with 3 anti-hypertensive meds)	17-23%
Hypertensive patients with spontaneous or diuretic induced hypokalemia	NA
Hypertension with adrenal incidentaloma	Median 2% (range, 1.1%-10%)

# The Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System



# Diagnosis of Hyperaldosteronism: Clinical Presentation

- Hypertension is common ranging from mild and intermittent to persistent and severe.
  - Normotensive primary aldosteronism has been described but is exceedingly rare.
- Hypokalemia
  - frequent cramps, fatigue, muscle weakness, nocturia
- - -Absence of hypokalemia does NOT exclude the diagnosis
  - -Normokalemic hypertension is the most common clinical presentation
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- Hypocalcemia (rare): paresthesias, prolonged QT interval

# Screening

Aldosterone to Renin Ratio  
(ARR)

-PAC/PRA -

> 30 likely diagnosis of PA

< 20 unlikely diagnosis of PA

# Pitfalls in Diagnosis

- Renin assays
  - Lack of assay precision at low levels
  - Lower limit, e.g.  $<0.6$  vs  $0.2$
- Variability in measurements
  - Time of day, food intake, posture, tumor production variability
- Medication interference
- Potassium level
  - Hypokalemia suppresses aldosterone secretion

REPEAT THE SCREENING TEST (ARR)



# Anti-hypertensives used during screening and confirmation of PA

*Verapamil*  
slow-release  
non-dihydropyridine calcium channel  
antagonist

*Prazosin hydrochloride*  
alpha-adrenergic  
blocker

*Doxazosin mesylate*  
alpha-adrenergic  
blocker

*Terazosin hydrochloride*  
alpha-adrenergic blocker

*Hydralazine*  
vasodilator

90-120-mg twice daily

0.5-1 mg two to three times daily,  
increasing as required

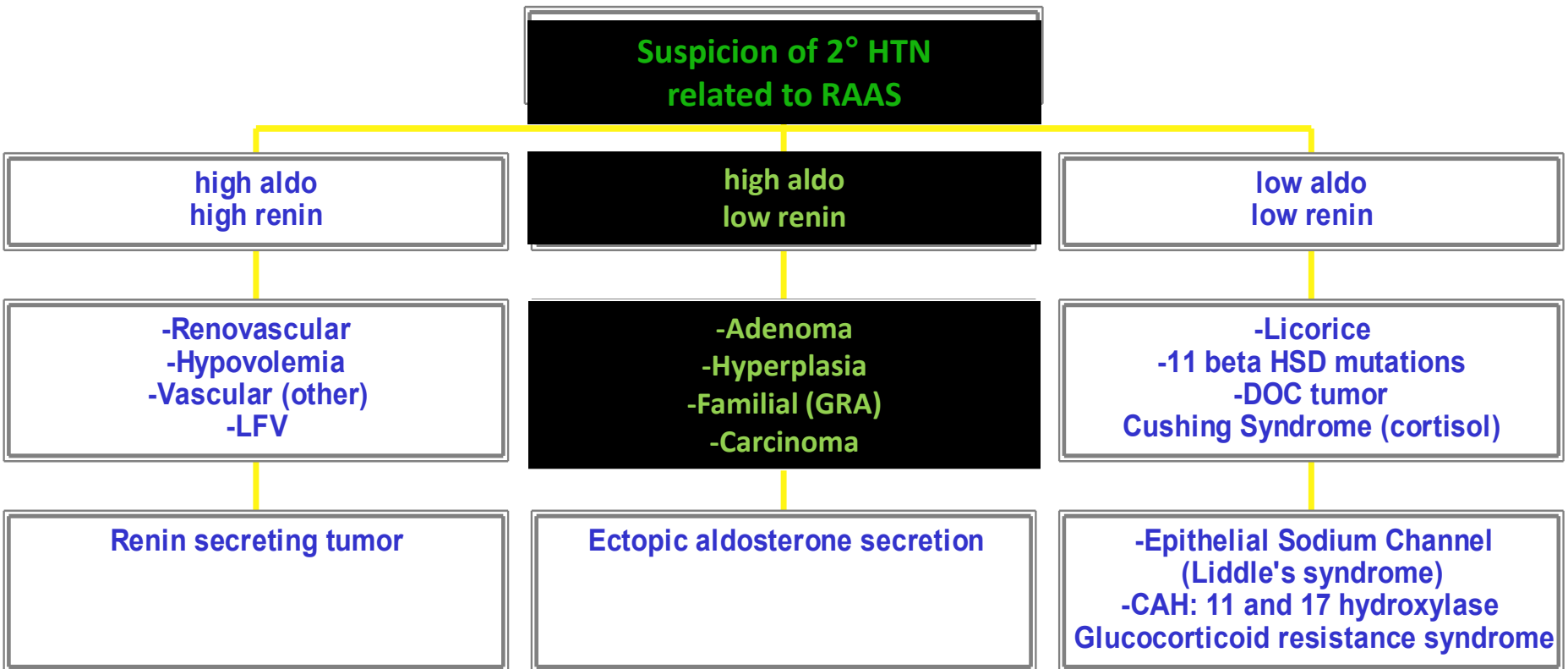
1-2 mg once daily, increasing  
as required

1-2 mg once daily,  
increasing as required

12.5 mg twice daily,  
increasing as required

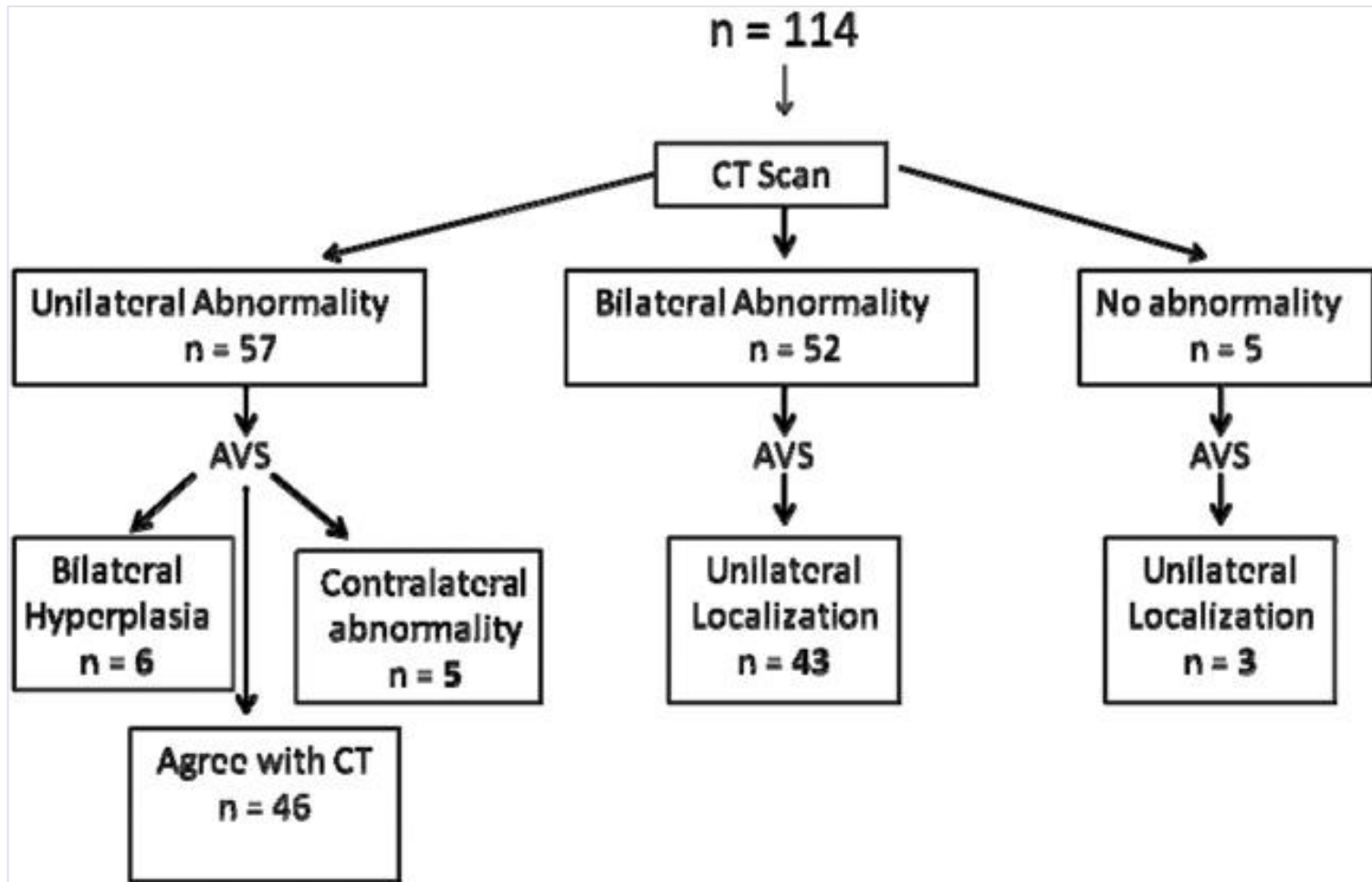
# Hyperaldosteronism:

## Differential Diagnosis of HTN and Hypokalemia





# Necessity of Adrenal Venous Sampling (AVS)



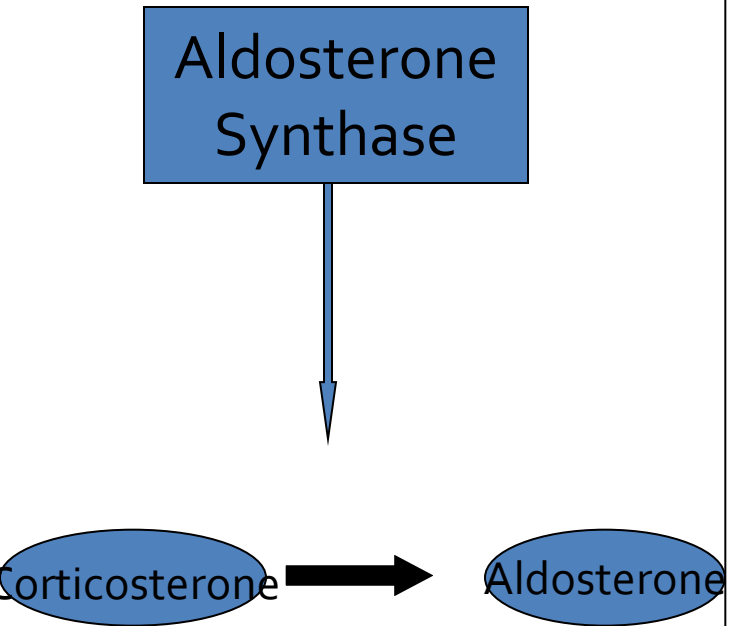
# **Familial Forms of PA**

- Familial Type I : Glucocorticoid Remediable Aldosteronism (GRA)
- Familial Type II : APA or BAH
- Familial Type III-V : Recently described

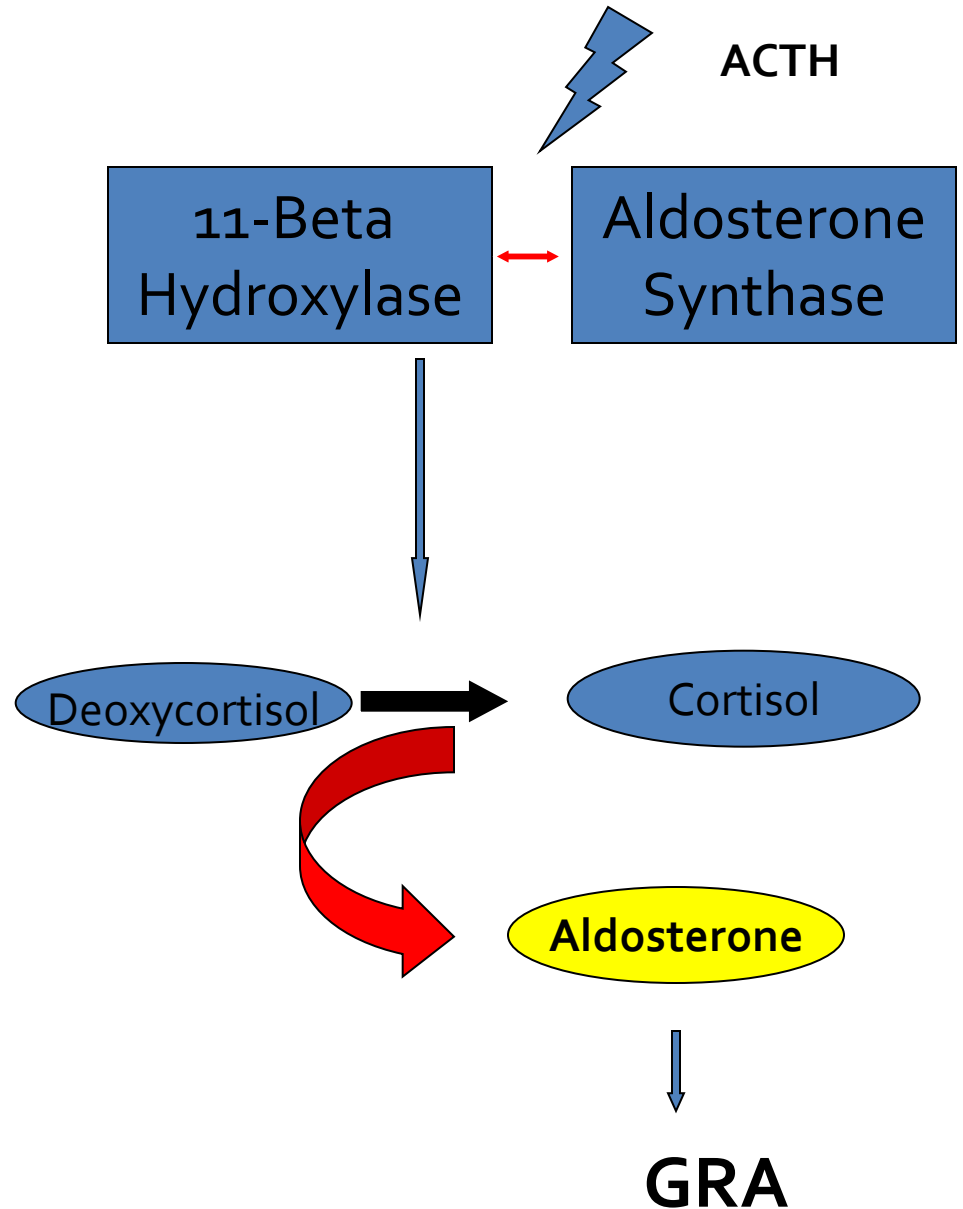
# Glucocorticoid Remediable Aldosteronism (FH type I)

- Autosomal Dominant
- Defect: Cross-over of genetic material between highly homologous genes that code for the enzyme  $11\beta$ -hydroxylase (CYP11B1 – catalyzes last step in cortisol synthesis) AND the gene for aldosterone synthesis (CYP11B2)
- ACTH-responsive promoter fused with the coding region of CYP11B2 allows *aldosterone synthesis to be strongly regulated by ACTH*

## ***Zona Glomerulosa***



## ***Zona Fasciculata***





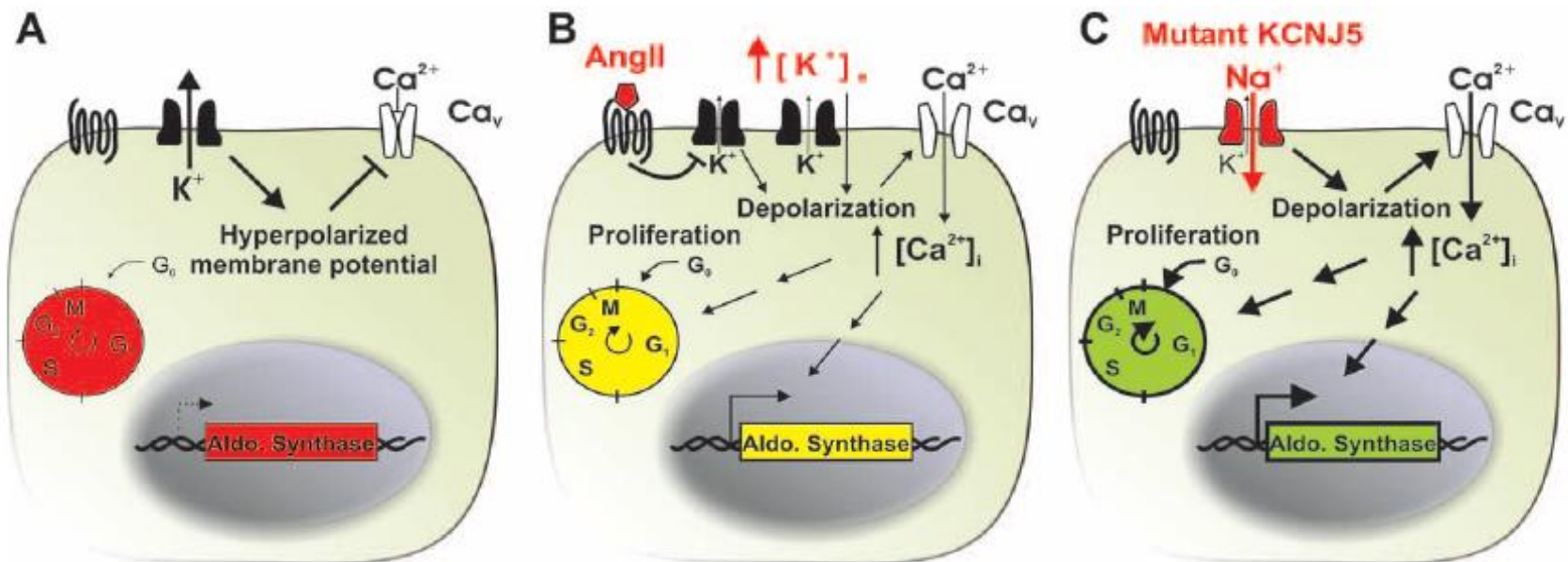
A novel genetic locus for low renin hypertension: familial hyperaldosteronism type II maps to chromosome 7 (7p22)

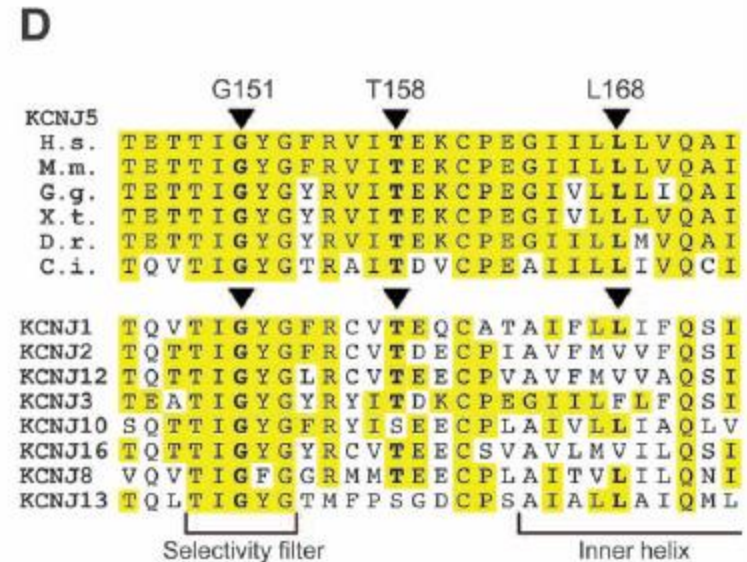
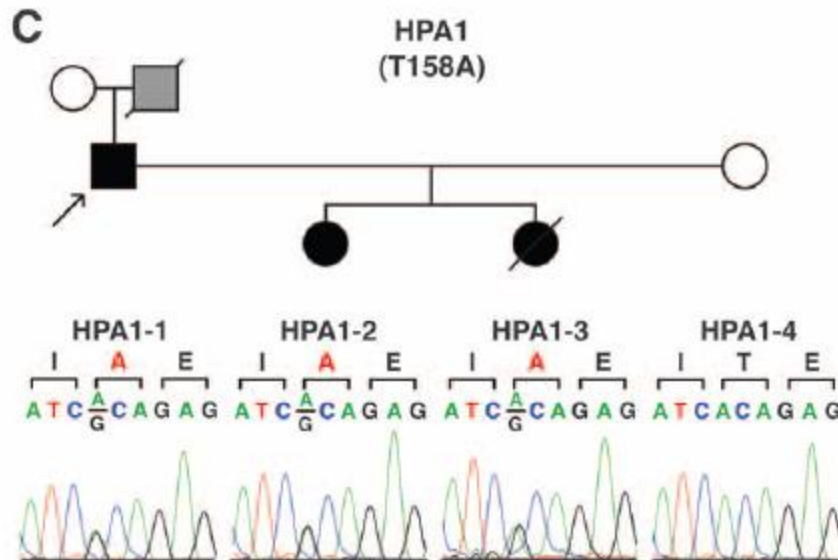
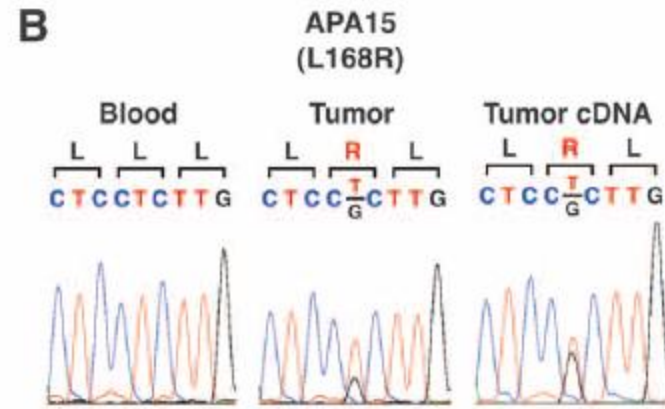
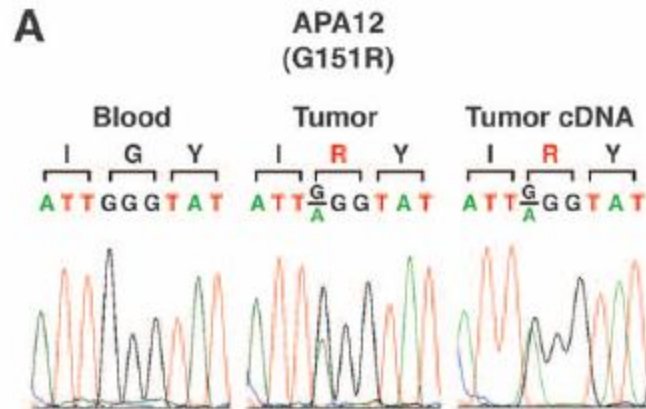
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# K<sup>+</sup> Channel Mutations in Adrenal Aldosterone-Producing Adenomas and Hereditary Hypertension

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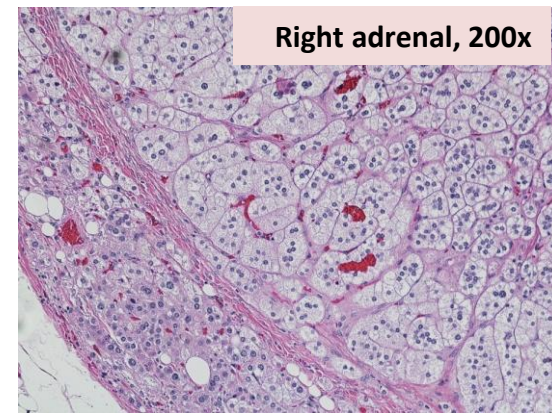
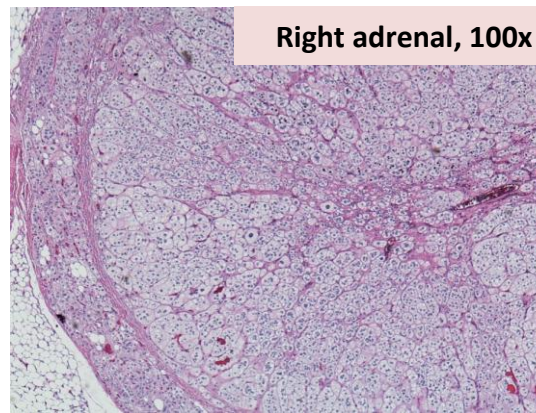
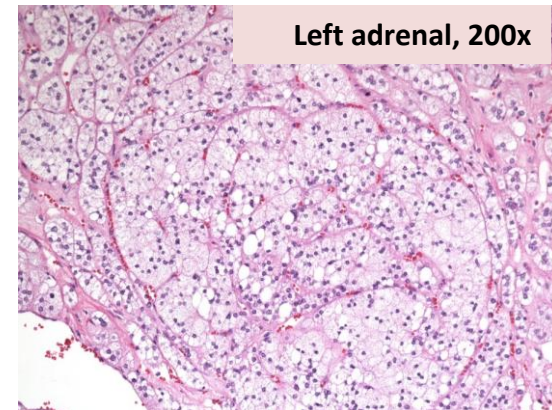
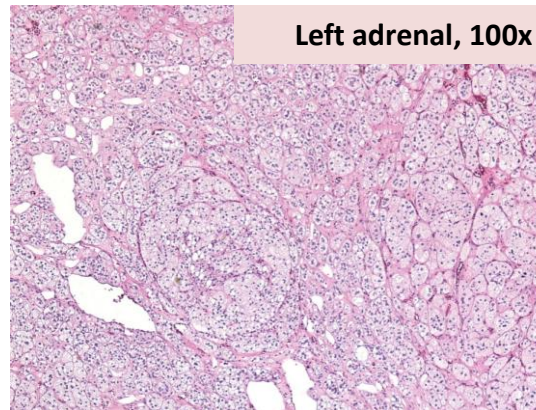
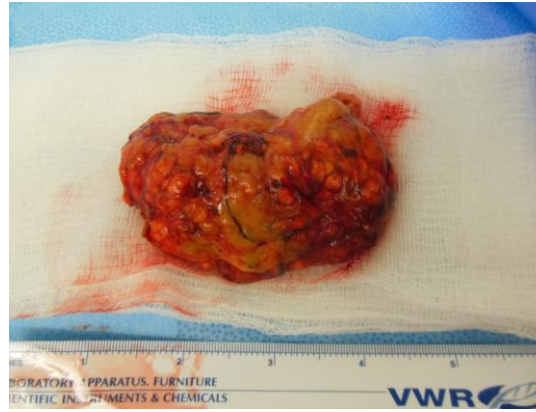






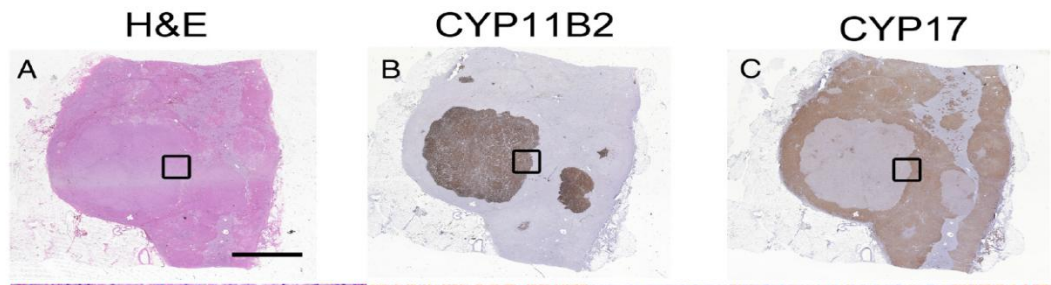
# CLINICAL PRESENTATION OF AN NIH PATIENT

- 19 years old F with de novo germ line *KCNJ5* mutation (p.Glu145Gln) leading to bilateral adrenal hyperplasia
- Complications of hyperaldosteronism
  - chronic kidney disease
  - proteinuria 1.9 g/24h
  - aortic root dilatation
- Post-operatively - standard dose of fludrocortisone not sufficient to control rising potassium



# Molecular Heterogeneity in Aldosterone-Producing Adenomas

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**Table 1.** Somatic Mutations Identified in CYP11B2-Positive Tumor Regions

Case	Sample	Gene	Reference Allele	Variant Allele	Amino Acid Change	FAO	FDP	Variant Allele Frequency (FAO/FDP), %	Variant Allele Frequency in Matched CYP11B2-Negative Tumor Region/Nodule
1	B2T1	<i>CACNA1D</i>	T	G	F747C	151	566	27	0
2	B2T1	<i>KCNJ5</i>	T	G	L168R <sup>a</sup>	110	463	24	0
3	B2T1	<i>ATP1A1</i>	T	G	L104R <sup>a</sup>	569	1664	34	0
4	B2T1	<i>CTNNB1</i>	C	T	S45F <sup>b</sup>	190	536	35	39
6	B2T1	<i>ATP2B3</i>	GTGCTG		L424_V425del <sup>a</sup>	292	445	66	N.A.
	B2T2	<i>KCNJ5</i>	G	A	G151R <sup>a</sup>	149	1998	7	N.A.
	B2T2	<i>ATP2B3</i>	GTGCTG		L424_V425del <sup>a,c</sup>	47	493	10	N.A.
7	B2T1	<i>CACNA1D</i>	T	G	F747V <sup>a</sup>	361	1184	30	0
	B2T2	<i>ATP1A1</i>	T	G	L104R <sup>a</sup>	131	786	17	0

# PHEO: Important Facts

- Not diagnosed in at least 50% of patients (autopsy series) (“great mimic”)

Key to diagnosis: Think of PHEO

HTN, tachycardia, pallor, sweating, headache, feelings of panic or anxiety are most common

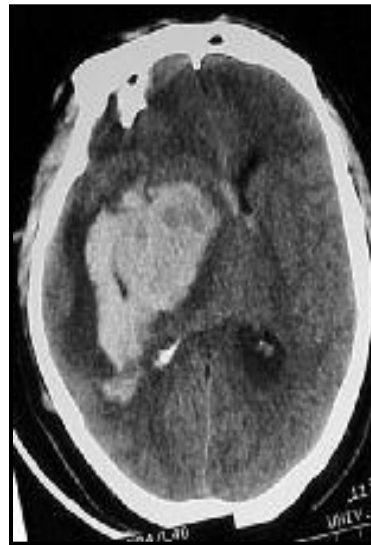
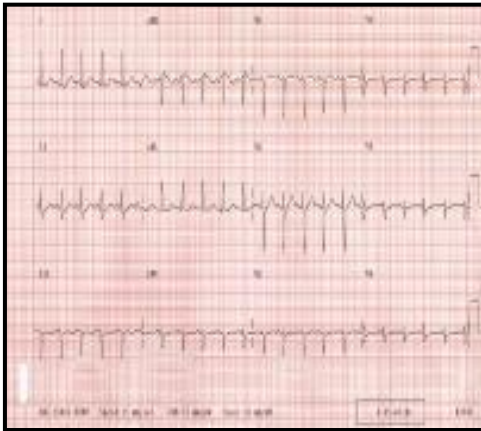
**\*\* PAROXYSMS\*\***

- Malignant: in 15-36% of patients, no reliable markers, no effective treatments



# PHEO/PGL as a volcano

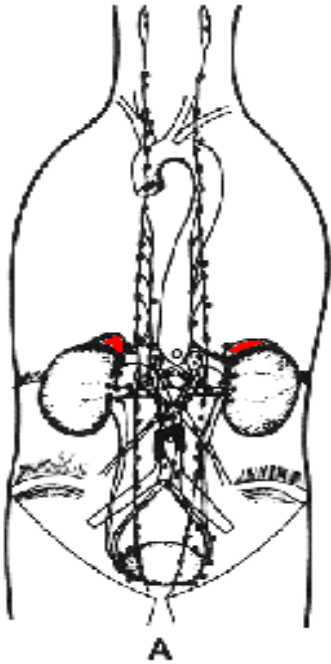
The concentrations of catecholamines in PHEO/PGL tissue are enormous (more than 1000 x higher than in plasma), creating a volcano that can erupt at any time (storm, attack, spell).



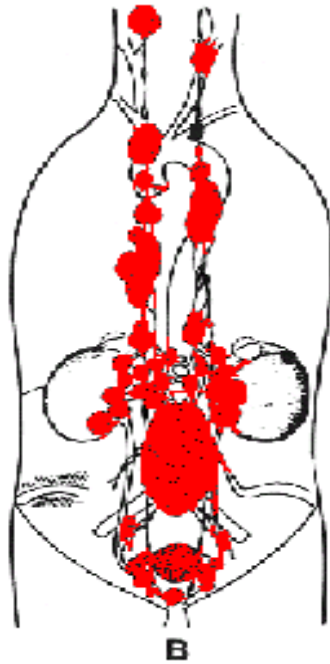
*All patients with PHEO/PGL must receive  $\alpha$  ( $\beta$ ) receptor blockade.*



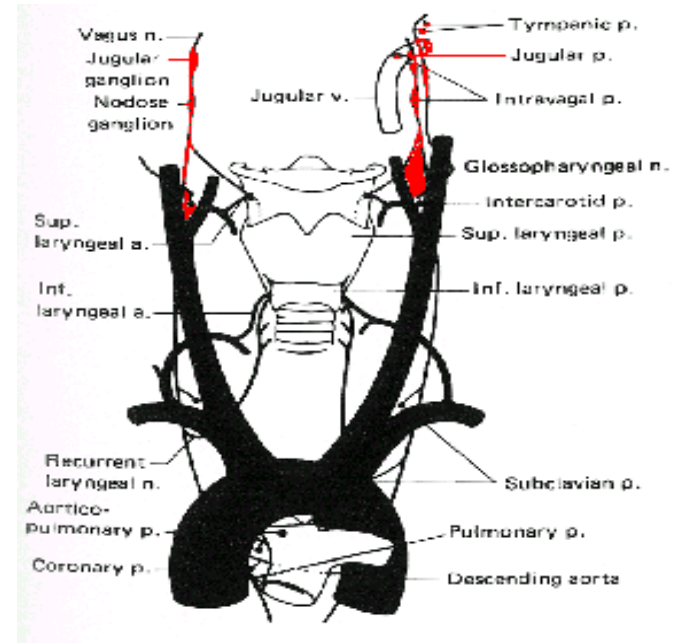
# PHEO: Sites of Origin



**adrenal  
PHEO**



**extra-adrenal  
PHEO**



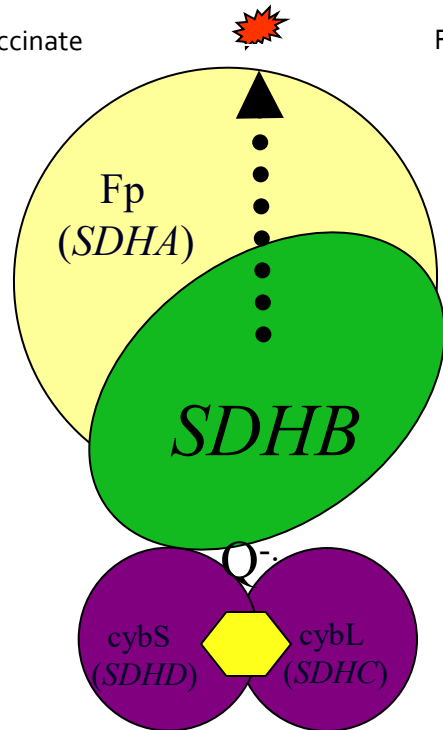
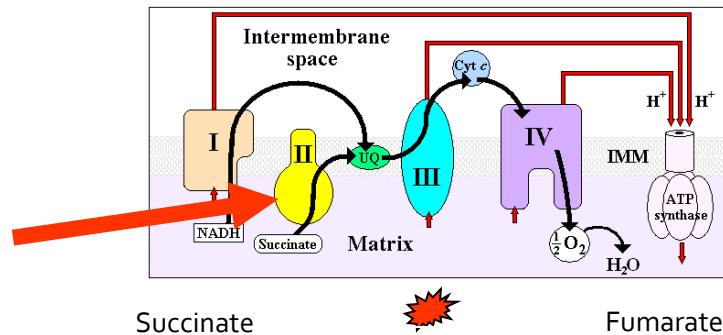
**head and neck  
paraganglioma**

# PHEO in Syndromes

- Von Hippel-Lindau Syndrome
  - Adrenal medulla, norepinephrine producing tumors
  - Up to 25% of patients will develop PHEO
- Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia 2 (MEN 2)
  - 2a – adrenal medulla, epinephrine or epi-and norepinephrine producing tumors, 50% bilateral
- Neurofibromatosis (NF1)
  - 2-5%
  - Epi and norepi secreting tumors

# The PGL syndromes: genetics

Succinate dehydrogenase gene family mutations



Shift to *glycolysis*: Warburg effect  
(production of 2 ATP vs 34 ATP  
by oxphos/Krebs cycle):

Pseudohypoxia  
or another  
signaling?

Pseudo-  
hypoxia  
promotes  
GROWTH

**PHEO/PGL**

# Characteristics of SDHB/D-related PHEOs

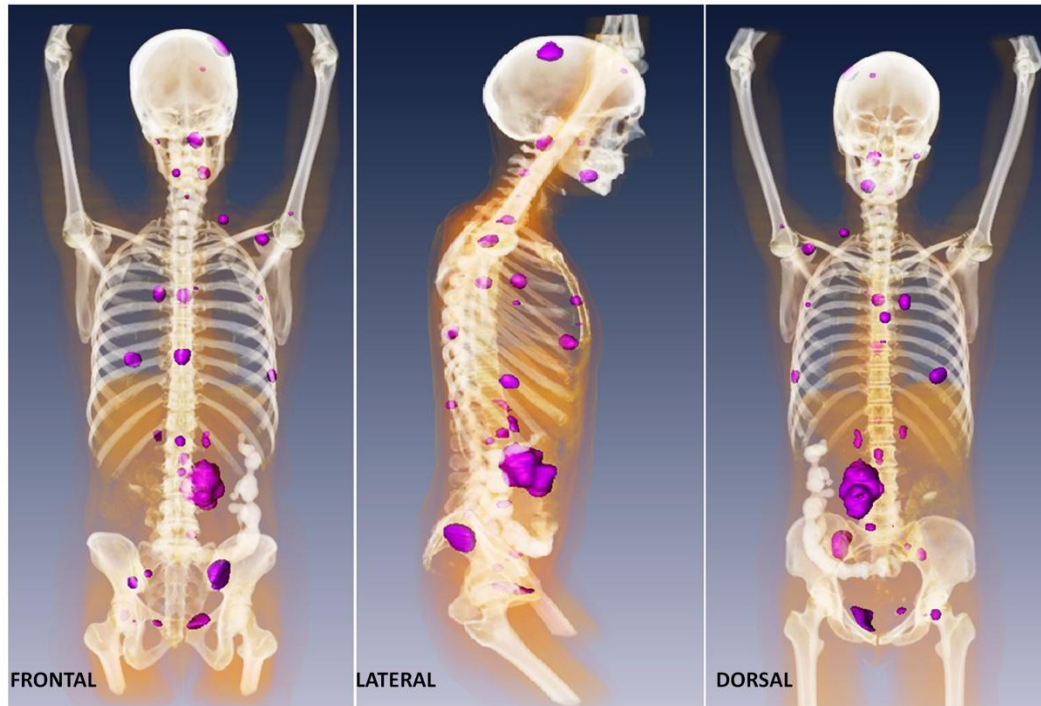
## SDHB PHEOs

- > 95% extra-adrenal, often secrete NE and DA
- Malignant at initial diagnosis: 30%; follow-up: > 90%
- Family history: 10%
- Younger age of presentation

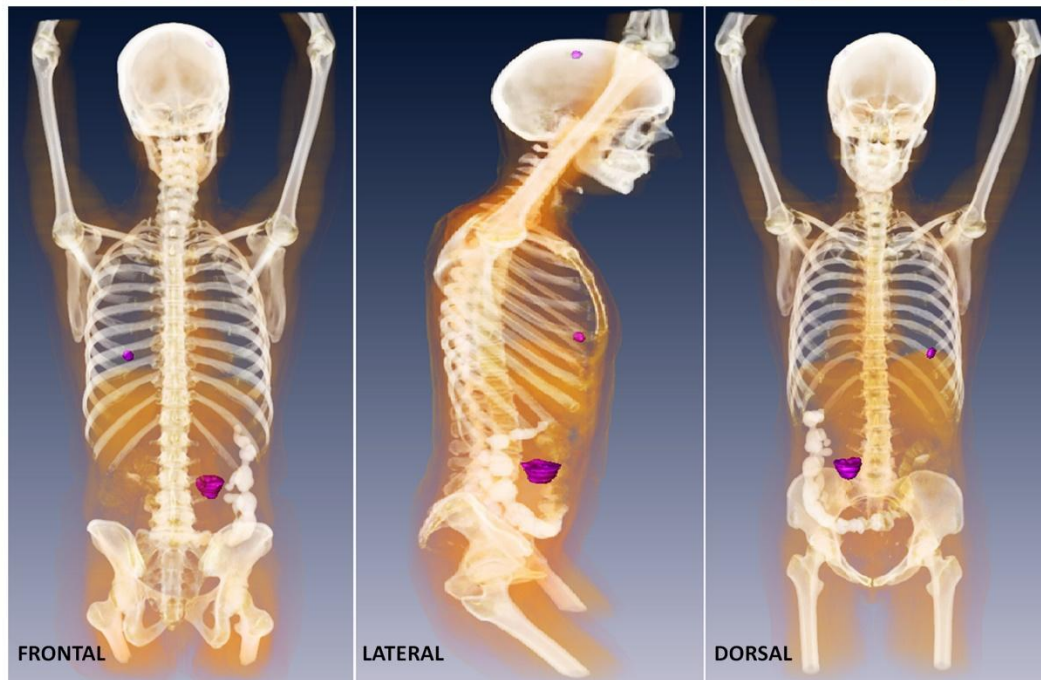
## SDHD PHEOs

- Most of them present as head and neck PGLs
- >90% do not secrete any catecholamines
- >99% benign
- Younger age of presentation

**$^{68}\text{Ga}$ -DOTATATE**



**$^{18}\text{F}$ -FDOPA**



# SUMMARY - conclusions

- Endocrine hypertension, especially primary hyperaldosteronism is more common than previously thought
- Most of these disorders have a genetic background
- Pheochromocytomas and/or paragangliomas should be actively sought; they are often the result of genetic mutations

**Approach to a patient with  
hypertension and a genetic form of  
adrenal hyperplasia**



## Bilateral adrenocortical hyperplasias associated with ACTH-independent Cushing syndrome

### Macronodular

→ McCune-Albright syndrome, MEN1, FAP

→ MMAD, AIMAH → Single large nodules and inter-nodular atrophy  
PMAH

→ Multiple small and larger nodules and diffuse hyperplasia

### Micronodular

→ Pigmented

→ • Isolated PPNAD  
• PPNAD with CNC

→ Non-pigmented

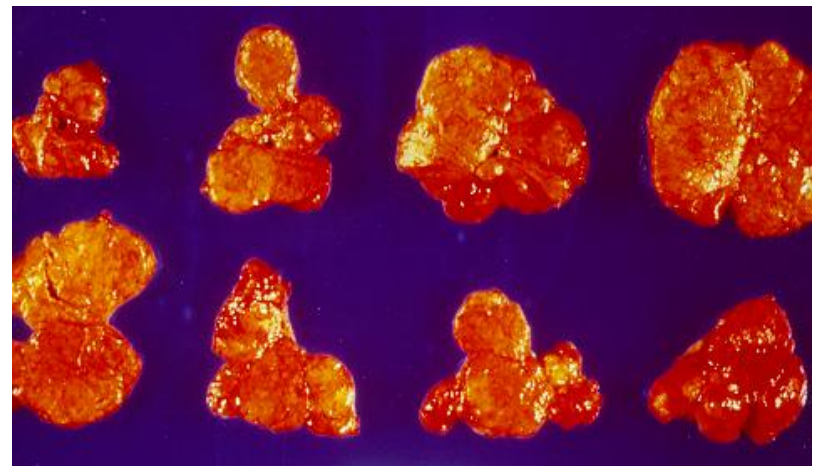
→ • Isolated (iMAD)

# MMAD/AIMAH/PMAH

Single large nodules  
and inter-nodular atrophy →



Multiple small and  
larger nodules and  
diffuse hyperplasia →





# Clinical and Genetic Heterogeneity, Overlap with Other Tumor Syndromes, and Atypical Glucocorticoid Hormone Secretion in Adrenocorticotropin-Independent Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia Compared with Other Adrenocortical Tumors

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	Familial cases	Mutation	Other tumors (number of cases)	Other tumors in family members (number)
AIMAH (n = 16)	3	<i>MEN1</i> (Pro494Leu) <i>FH</i> (c.781del7) <i>APC</i> (c. 4393_4394delAG) <i>GNAS</i> (Arg201His), somatic	Thyroid adenoma (1) Lymphoma (1) Uterine fibroids (5) Parotid tumor (3) Parathyroid adenoma (1)	Thyroid cancer (1) in M Prostate cancer (1) in F Lung cancer (1) in M
ACS (n = 15)	None	None	Parathyroid adenoma (1) Nodular goiter (1)	None
APA (n = 19)	None	None	Thyroid nodule (1)	None
SCA (n = 32)	None	None	Thyroid nodule (1) Parathyroid adenoma (1)	Pancreatic Ca (F, GF on maternal side) Uterine Ca (M) Cervical Ca (S) Breast Ca (A) Pituitary tumor (F)

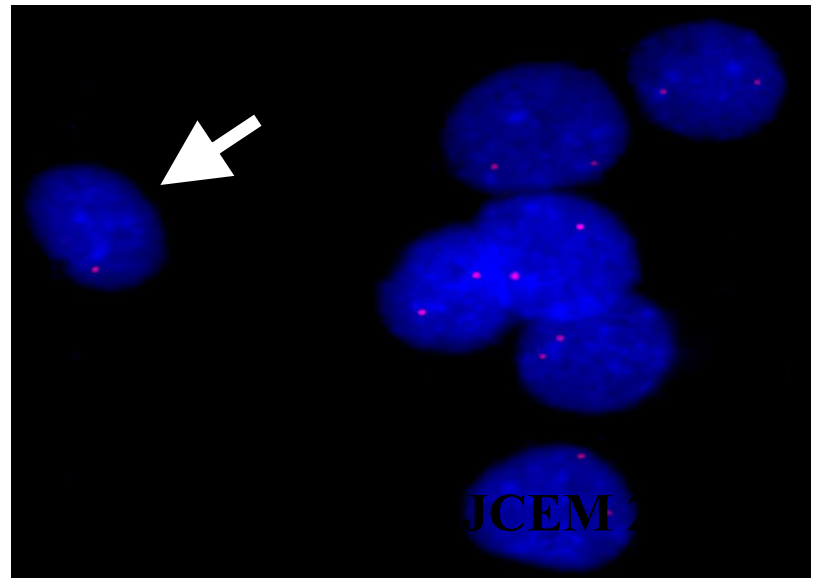
M, Mother; F, father; GF, grandfather; S, sister; A, aunt.

# Macronodular hyperplasia in the context of a tumor syndrome

- Typically clinically silent adrenal masses that are detected incidentally with imaging studies conducted as part of the investigation of MEN1, APC, HLRCC, other
- Risk for cancer higher; occasionally functional, mostly subclinical CS



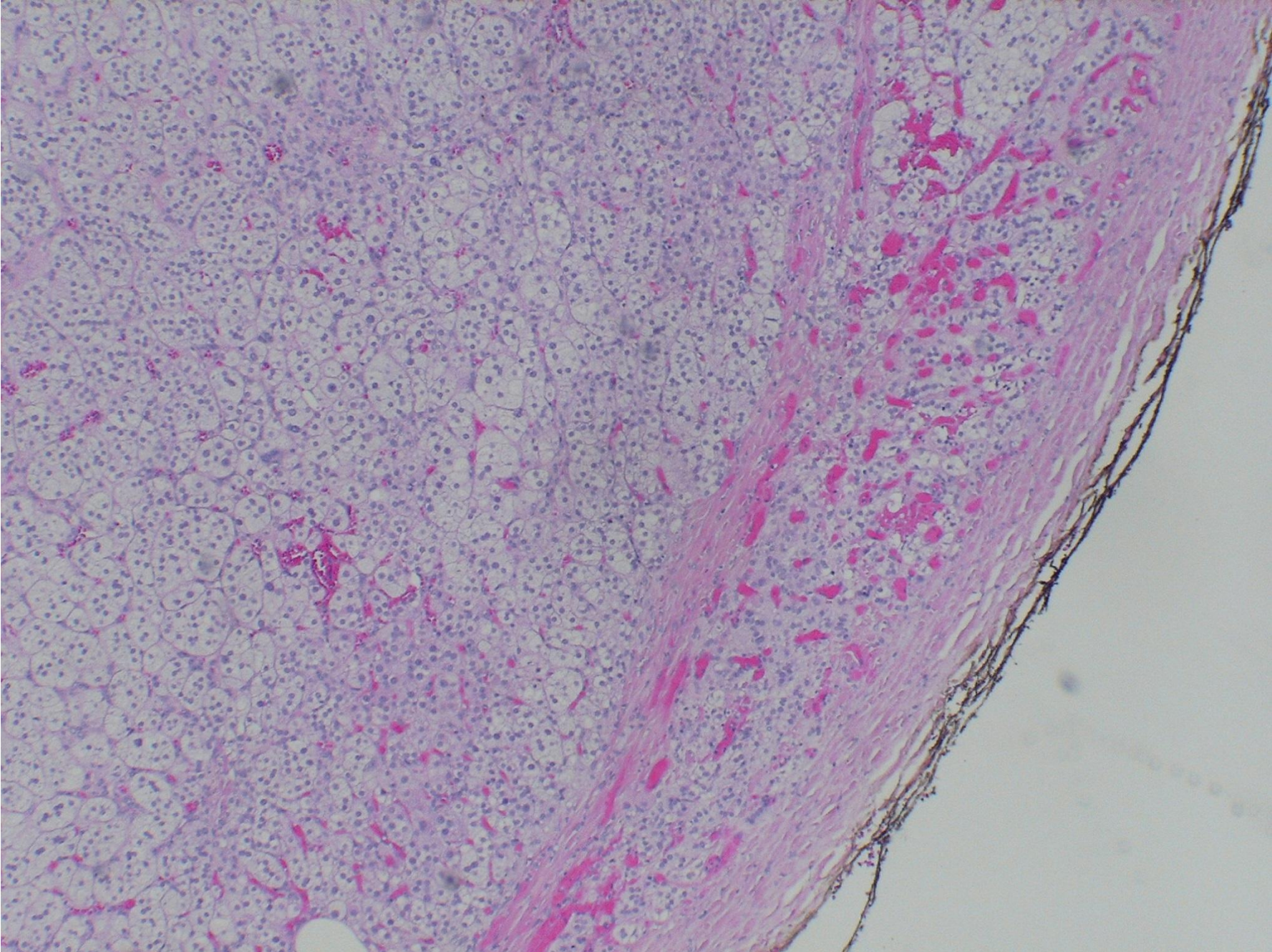
## MMAD in HLRCC syndrome: associated with FH mutation



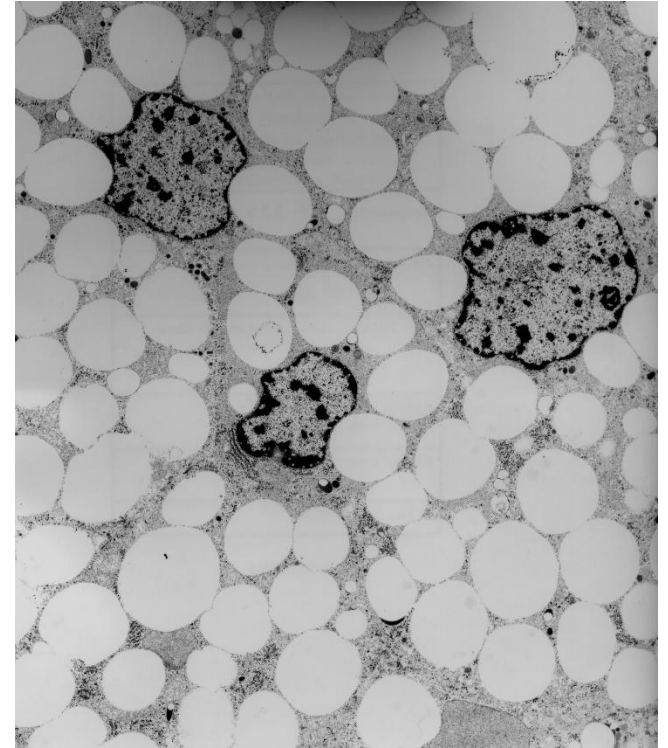
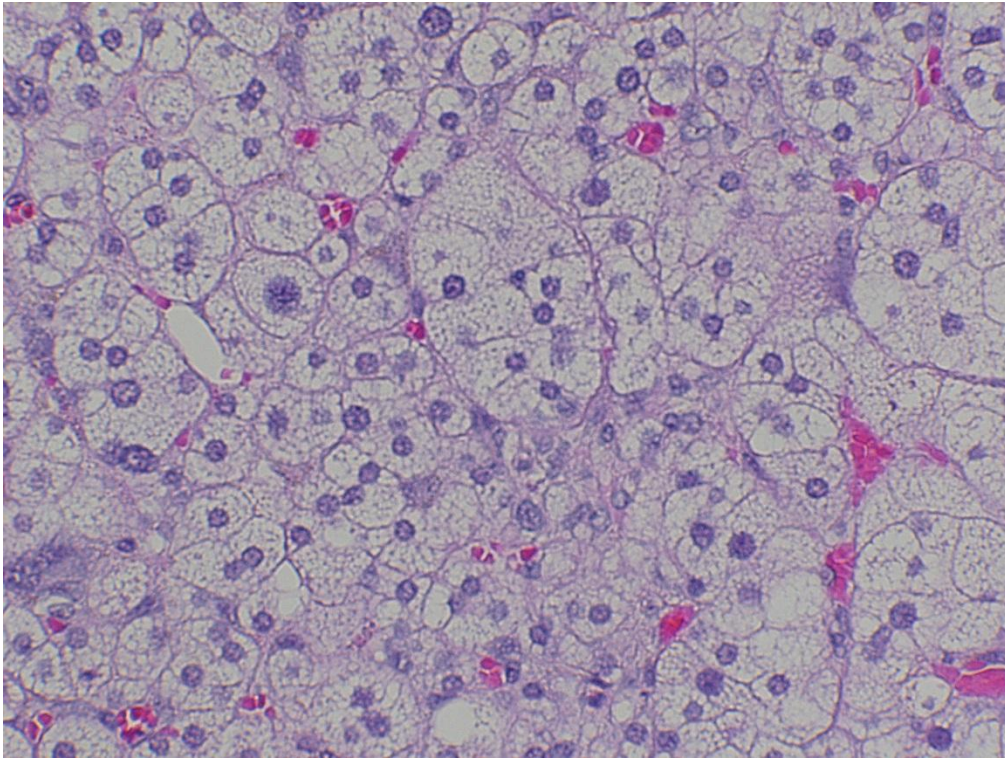
# FH Mutation

- A germline mutation in the FH gene was found. It consisted of a 7-base pair deletion at nucleotides 782-788 and led to a premature stop codon at position 261 of the protein.
- The mutation segregated with the disease in the family









ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# ARMC5 Mutations in Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia with Cushing's Syndrome

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## ABSTRACT

### BACKGROUND

Corticotropin-independent macronodular adrenal hyperplasia may be an incidental finding or it may be identified during evaluation for Cushing's syndrome. Reports of familial cases and the involvement of both adrenal glands suggest a genetic origin of this condition.

### METHODS

We genotyped blood and tumor DNA obtained from 33 patients with corticotropin-independent macronodular adrenal hyperplasia (12 men and 21 women who were 30 to 73 years of age), using single-nucleotide polymorphism arrays, microsatellite markers, and whole-genome and Sanger sequencing. The effects of armadillo repeat containing 5 (ARMC5) inactivation and overexpression were tested in cell-culture models.

### RESULTS

The most frequent somatic chromosome alteration was loss of heterozygosity at 16p (in 8 of 33 patients for whom data were available [24%]). The most frequent mutation identified by means of whole-genome sequencing was in ARMC5, located at 16p11.2. ARMC5 mutations were detected in tumors obtained from 18 of 33 patients (55%). In all cases, both alleles of ARMC5 carried mutations: one germline and the other somatic. In 4 patients with a germline ARMC5 mutation, different nodules from the affected adrenals harbored different secondary ARMC5 alterations. Transcriptome-based classification of corticotropin-independent macronodular adrenal hyperplasia indicated that ARMC5 mutations influenced gene expression, since all cases with mutations clustered together. ARMC5 inactivation decreased steroidogenesis in vitro, and its overexpression altered cell survival.

### CONCLUSIONS

Some cases of corticotropin-independent macronodular adrenal hyperplasia appear to be genetic, most often with inactivating mutations of ARMC5, a putative tumor-suppressor gene. Genetic testing for this condition, which often has a long and insidious prediagnostic course, might result in earlier identification and better management. (Funded by Agence Nationale de la Recherche and others.)

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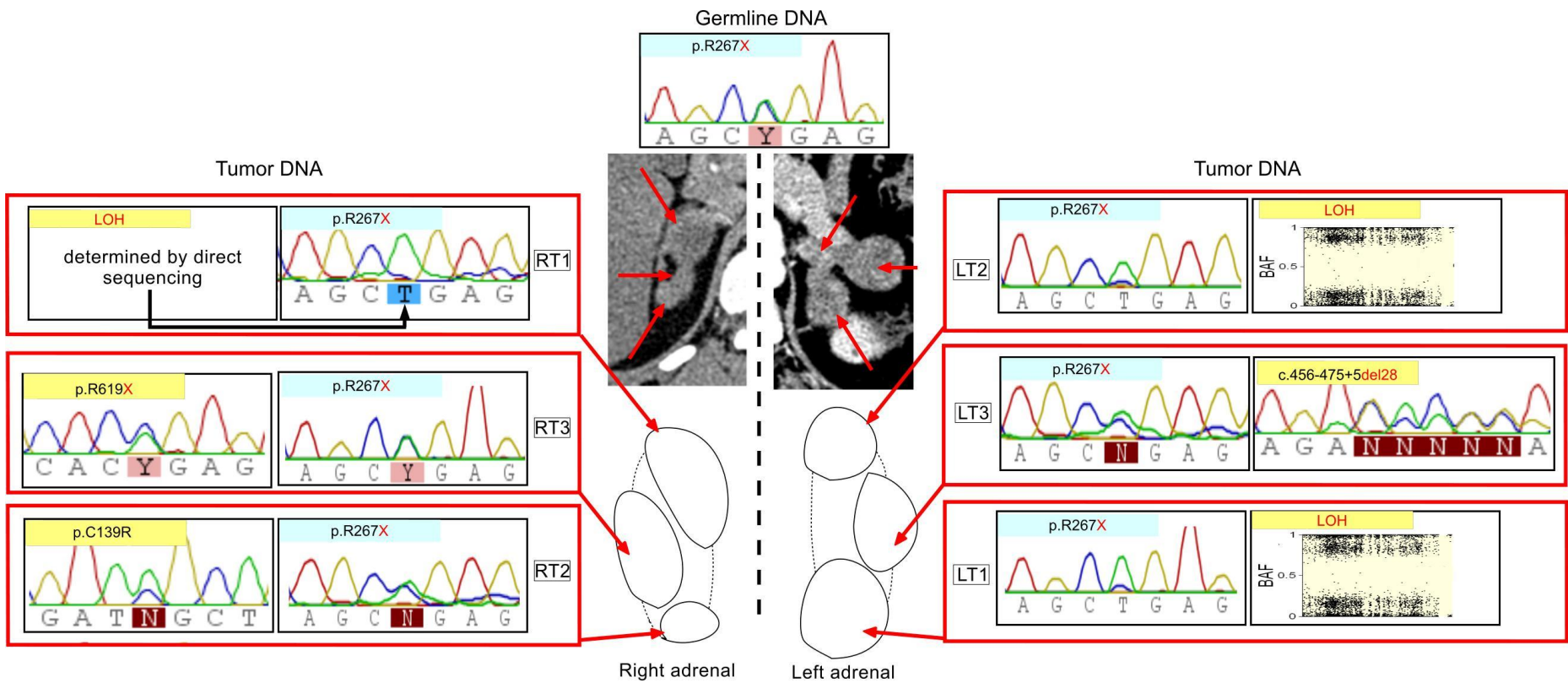
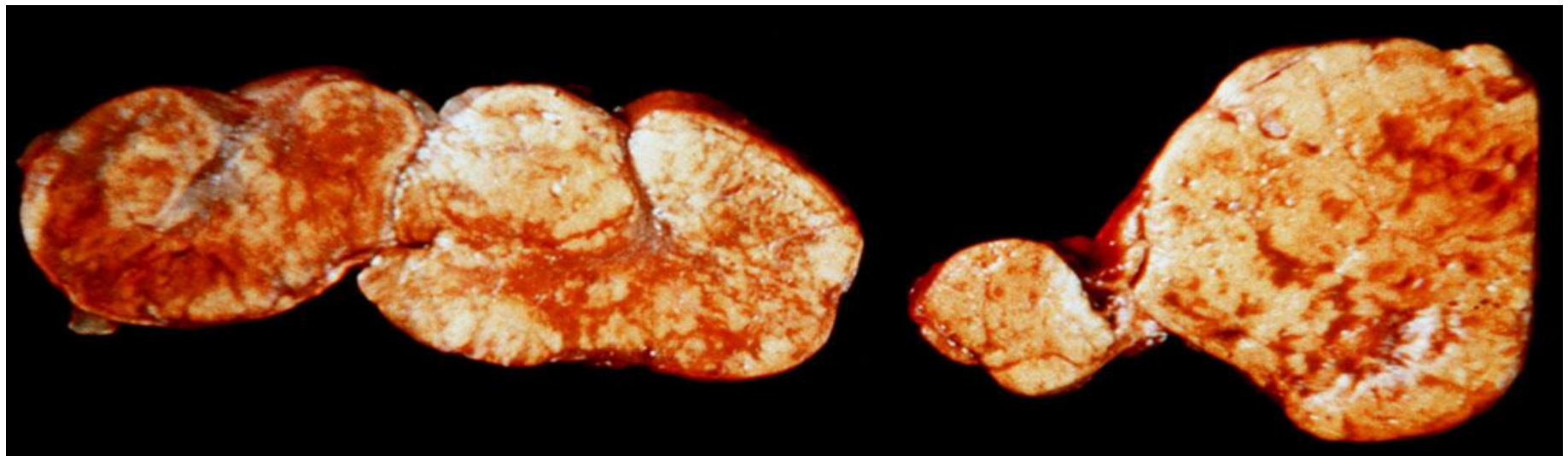
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# MMAD/ AIMAH/ PMAH: gene: ARMC5

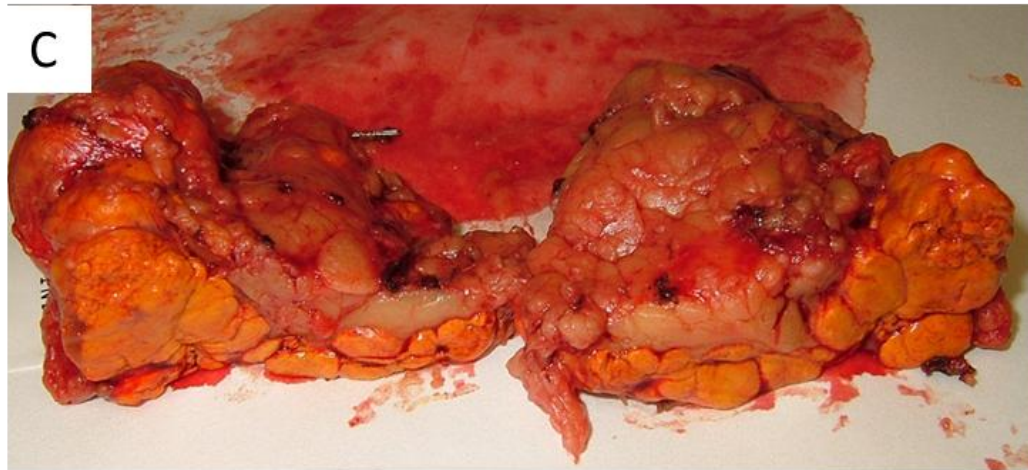
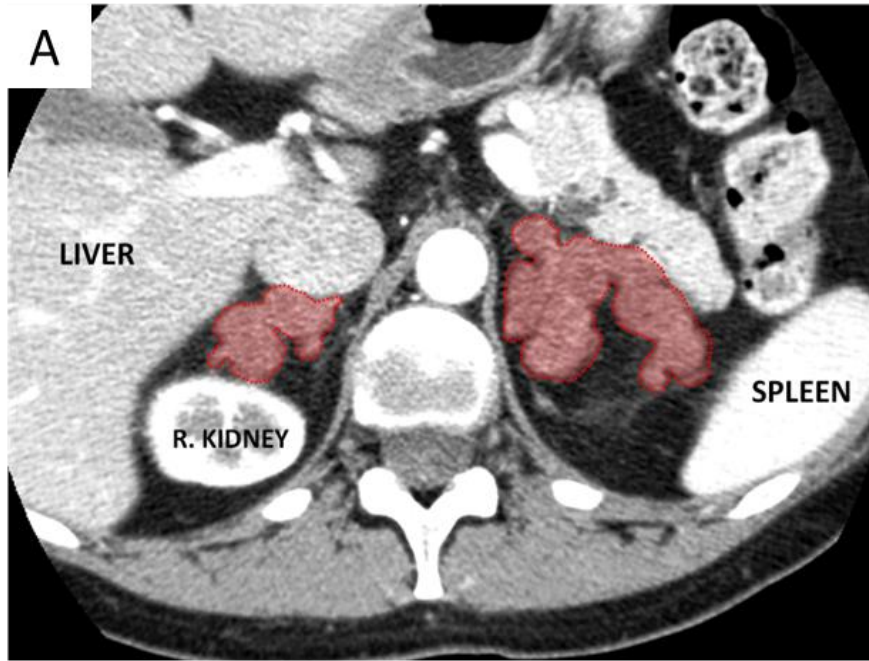
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Armadillo Repeat Containing 5  
(ARMC5)





**Correa et al. (2015): ARMC5 gene shows extreme genetic variance**

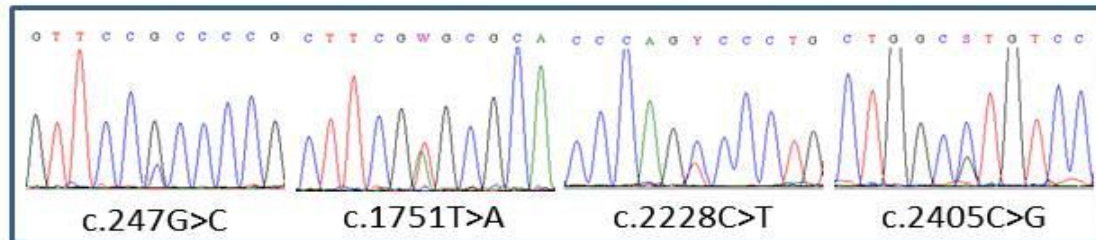
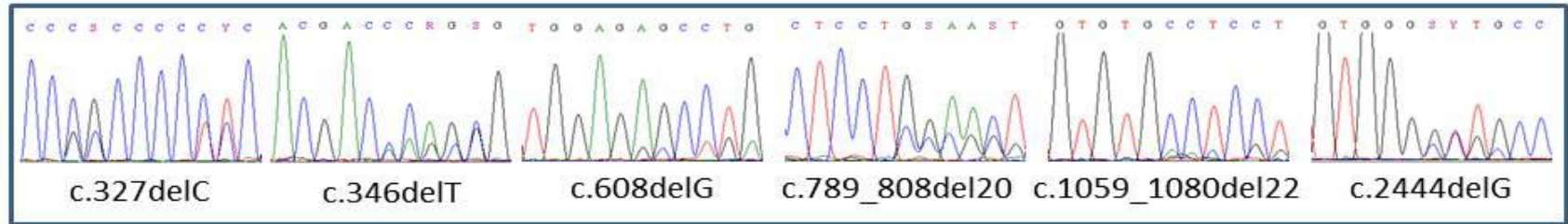


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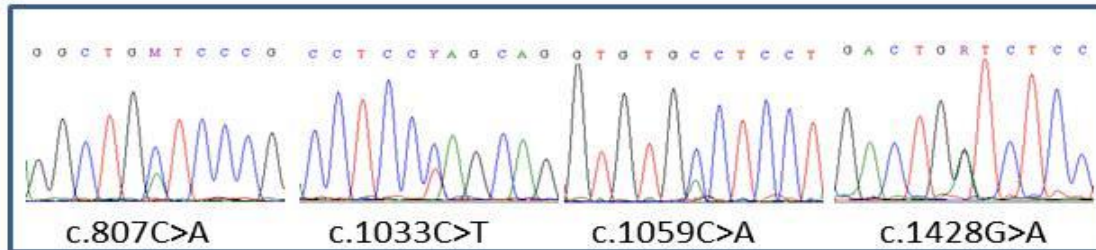


# The *ARMC5* gene shows extreme genetic variance: each nodule with a “private” second hit

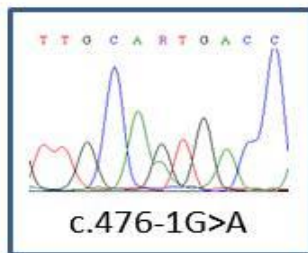
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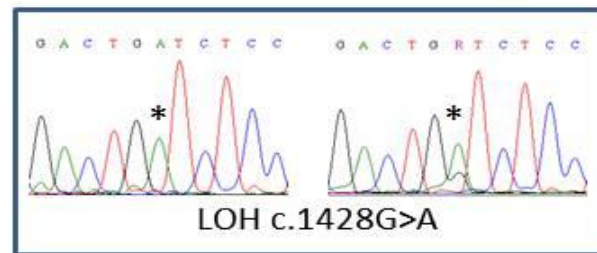
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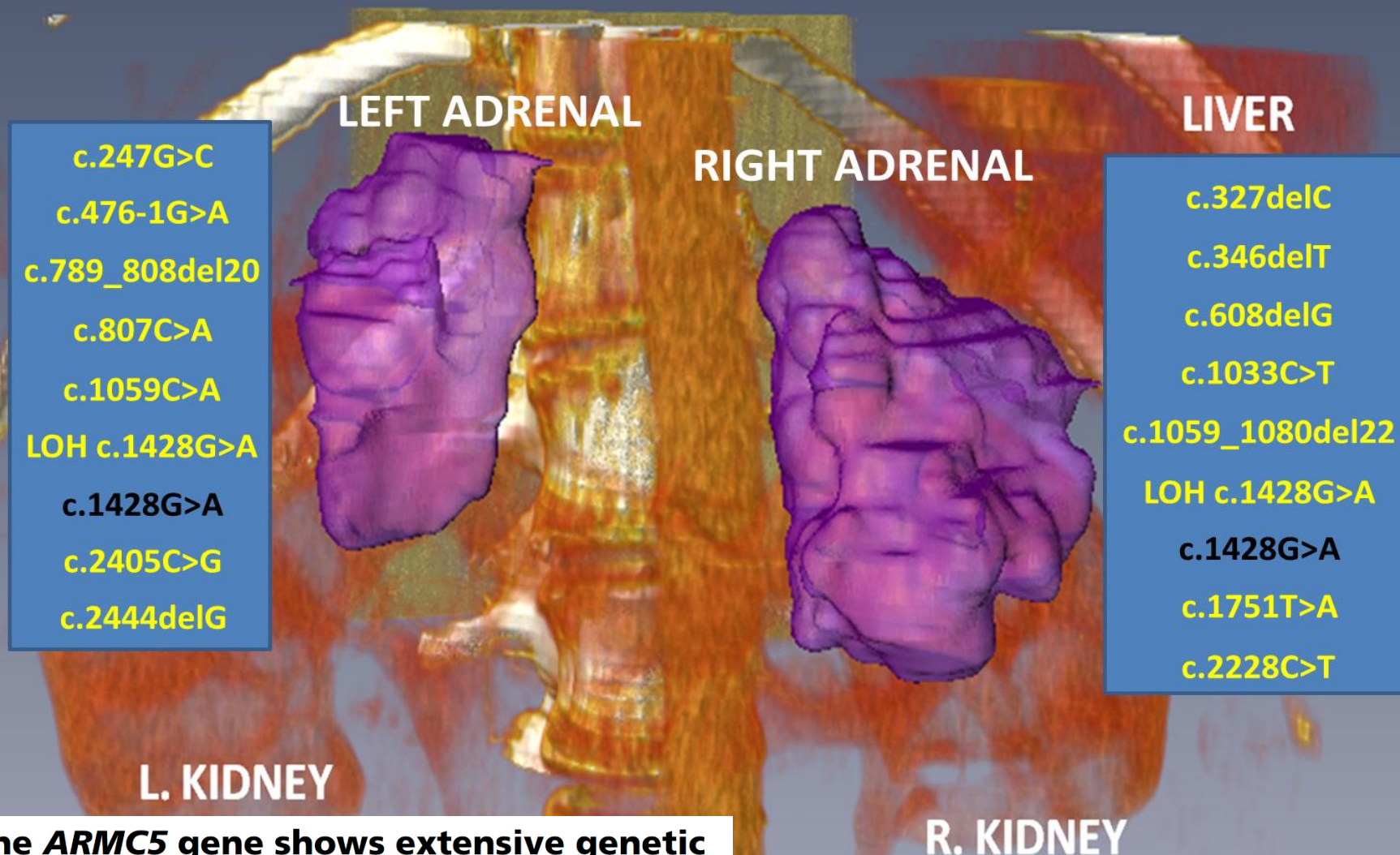


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# ARMC5 gene shows extreme genetic variance



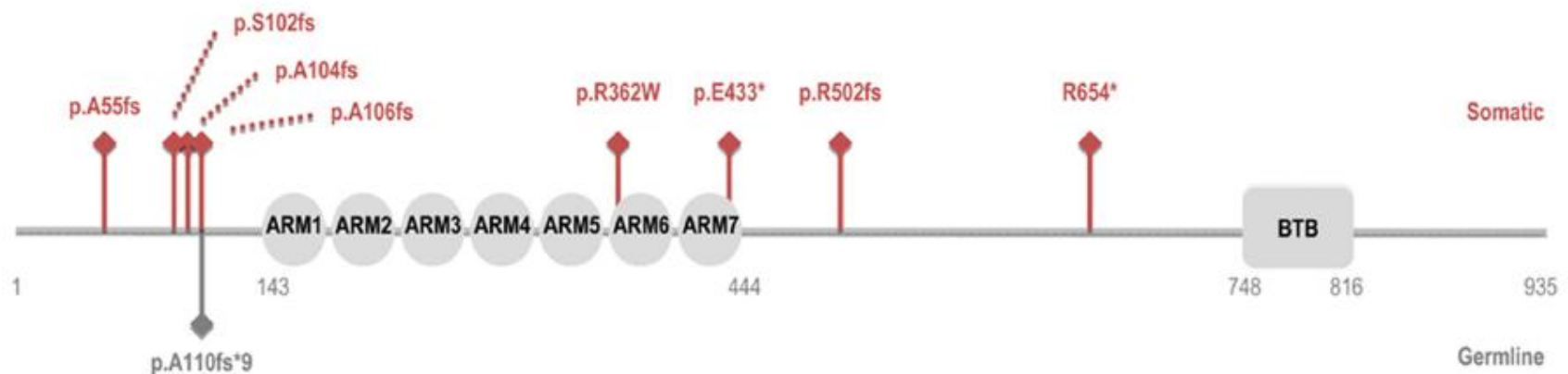
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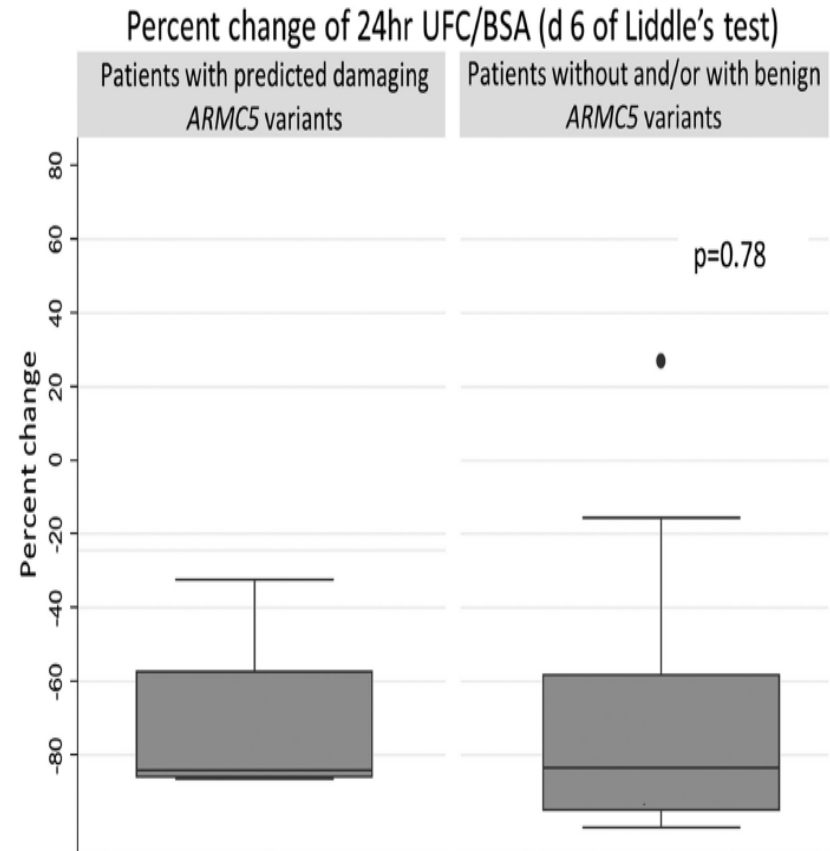
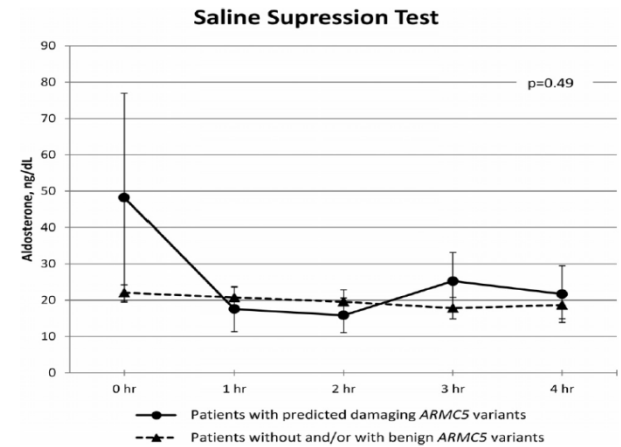
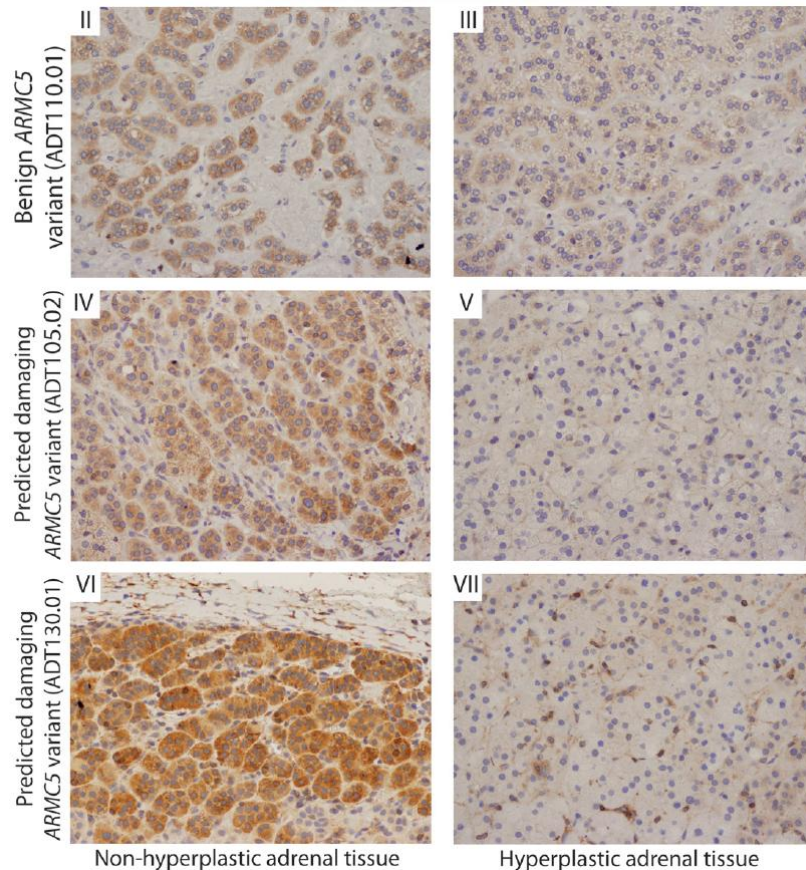
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# Primary Aldosteronism and *ARMC5* Variants

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## Conclusions:

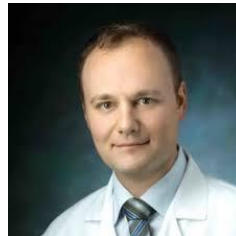
- Genetic studies in isolated MMAD/PMAH identified a gene, *ARMC5* that explains half of the cases
- Food-dependent CS is not explained by *ARMC5* mutations
- It is not unusual to have combined aldosterone overproduction
- *ARMC5* may be involved in primary hyperaldosteronism
- Some of the affected adrenals produce ACTH, adding to the complexity of the work up
- *ARMC5* mutations carriers: often asymptomatic !



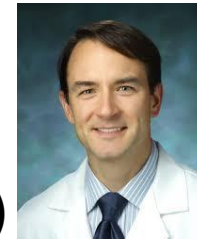
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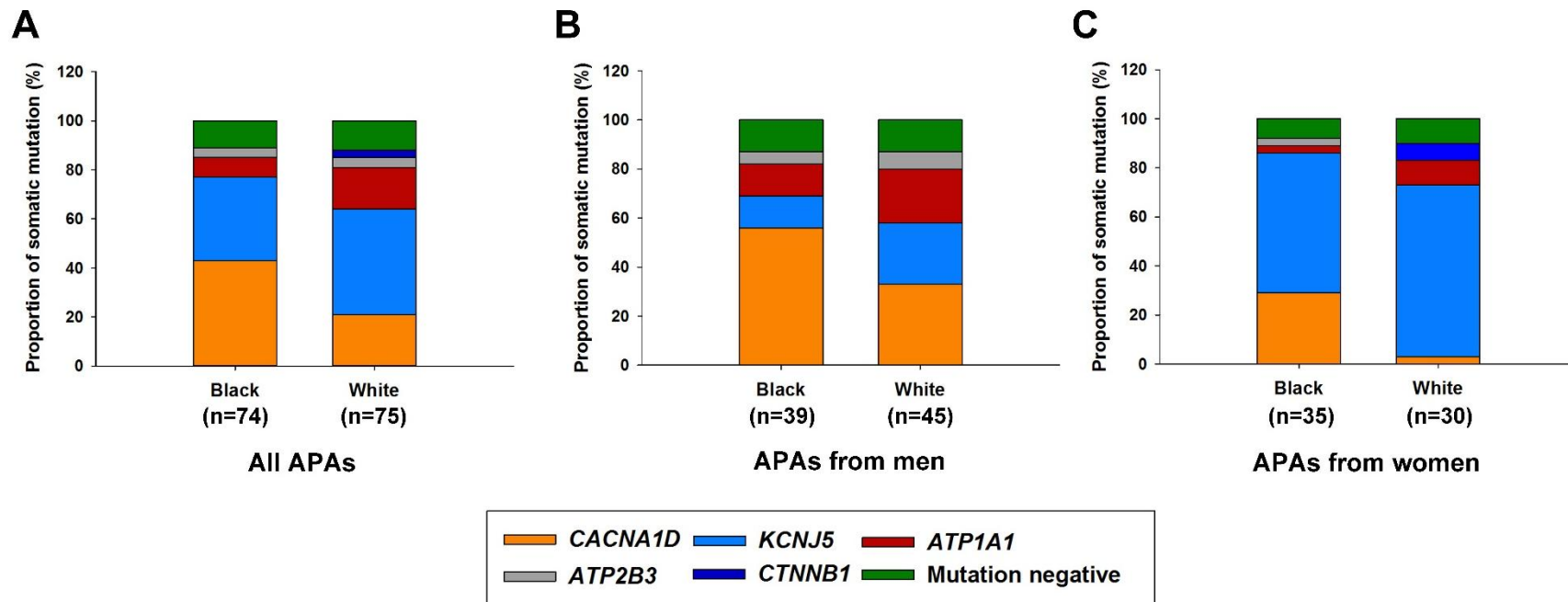


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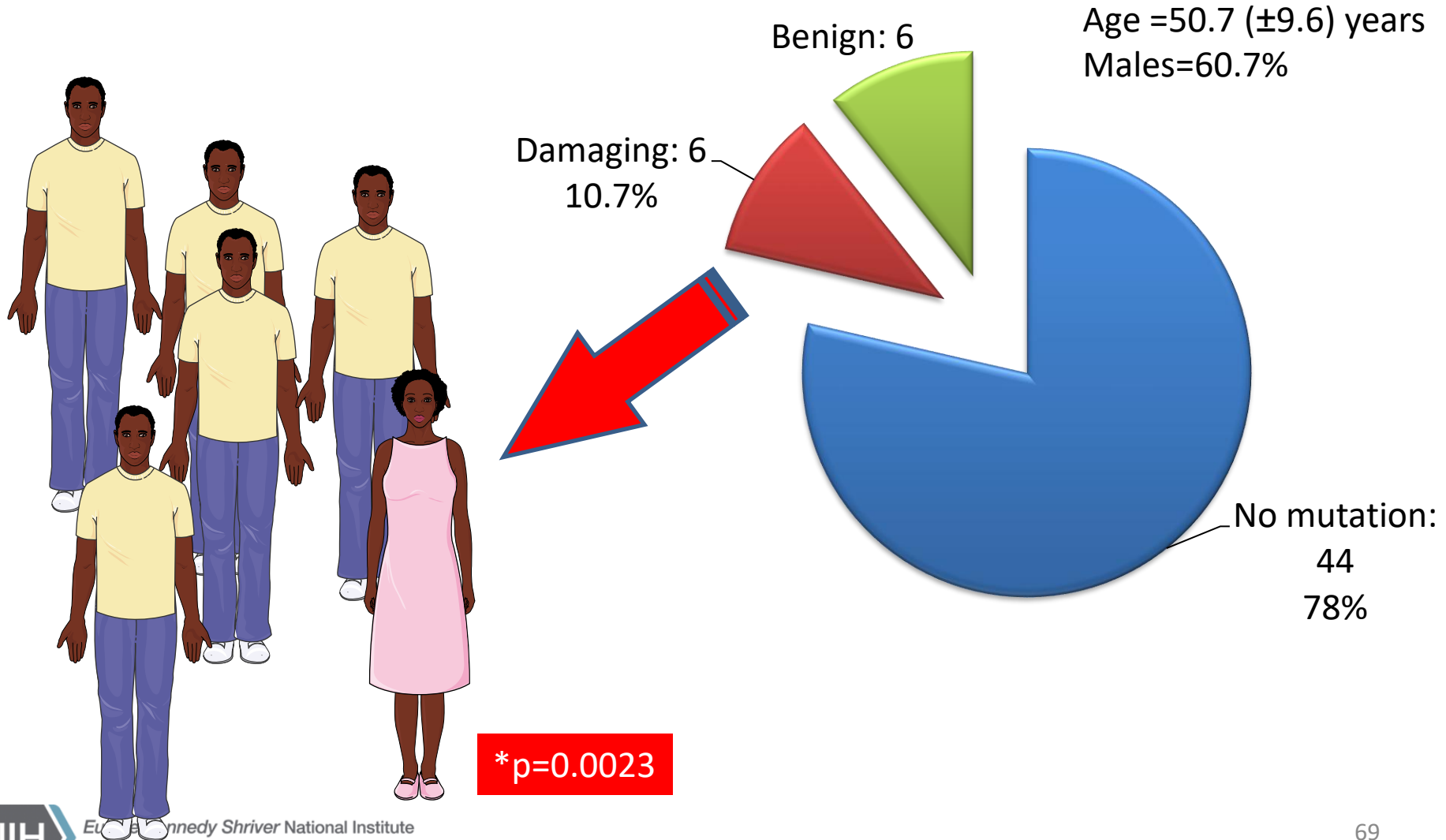
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# Results: *ARMC5* mutations



# ARMC5 gene in CAAPA African American individuals

- We looked at chr16 CAAPA reference dataset for SNPs in ARMC5 gene region 100 kb upstream and downstream (hg19 positions chr16:31369010-31578488).
- After removing multiallelic SNPs and applying Genotype quality and Depth filters (GQ 20 and DP 7) and keeping only African American individuals.
- We have, 446 individuals and 3791 SNPs in ARMC5 gene region.

SNP	hg19_POS	CHROM	ALLELE.FREQ	ALLELE.FREQ	P_HWE	Missingness rate
rs116201073	31477442	chr16	T:0.93722	C:0.0627803	1	0
rs9921490	31473376	chr16	G:0.860987	T:0.139013	0.232	0

- Summary for two interesting SNPs in ARMC5 gene region rs116201073, and rs9921490:

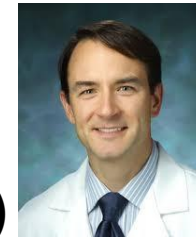
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